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APPENDIX 1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OF ORGANIZATIONS

Correspondence ID	Date received	Form Letter (Yes or No)	Organization Type	Organization
1566	4/1/2010	No	Conservation/Preservation	Animal Welfare Institute
1654	3/31/2010	Yes (421473)	Business	Best Adventures
1580	3/31/2010	No	Recreational Groups	Blue Ribbon Coalition
1656	3/30/2010	No	State Government	Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming
1526	3/9/2010	No	University/Professional Society	Brigham Young University-Idaho
1591	3/24/2010	No	Recreational Groups	California - Nevada Snowmobile Association
1659	3/29/2010	No	Recreational Groups	Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA)
1572	3/25/2010	No	Civic Groups	Citizens for Balanced Use
1531	3/25/2010	No	Town or City Government	Cody Country Chamber of Commerce
1657	3/31/2010	No	Town or City Government	Fremont County
1557	3/29/2010	No	County Government	Fremont County Parks and Recreation
1565	3/30/2010	Yes (421399)	County Government	Gallatin County Commission
1647	4/2/2010	No	Business	International Snowmobile Manufactures Association
1544	3/22/2010	No	Business	Memories by Marne, Photography

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1590	3/31/2010	No	State Government	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
1589	3/31/2010	No	State Government	Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
1582	3/31/2010	No	Non-Governmental	National Parks Conservation Association
1585	3/31/2010	No	State Government	Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming
1600	4/5/2010	Yes (421609)	Conservation/Preservation	Sierra Club
309	2/27/2010	No	State Government	State of Montana - State Senator
1588	3/31/2010	No	State Government	State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources
1543	3/25/2010	No	Town or City Government	Town of West Yellowstone
1688	4/8/2010	No	Conservation/Preservation	United States Environmental Protection Agency
1648	3/31/2010	No	Civic Groups	Utah Snowmobile Association
1649	3/31/2010	No	Civic Groups	Utah Snowmobile Association
1650	3/31/2010	No	Civic Groups	Utah Snowmobile Association
1581	3/31/2010	No	Non-Governmental	West Yellowstone Economic Development
911	3/22/2010	Master (420534)	Business	West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators
905	3/5/2010	No	State Government	Wyoming Business Council
1576	3/31/2010	No	State Government	Wyoming Game and Fish Department
1573	3/29/2010	No	Civic Groups	Wyoming Outdoor Council

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1529	3/19/2010	No	State Government	Wyoming State Representative
1558	3/29/2010	No	Recreational Groups	Wyoming State Snowmobile Association
1559	3/29/2010	No	Recreational Groups	Wyoming State Snowmobile Association
1583	3/29/2010	No	Business	Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha
1575	3/29/2010	No	Business	Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

APPENDIX 2. INDEX BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

Index By Organization Type (04/12/2010)

Business

- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1647; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses.
- Memories by Marne, Photography - 1544; AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Snowlands Network - 1651; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level.
- Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.
- Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions.
- N/A - 1586; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Civic Groups

- Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions.
- Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). GA3000 - Impact Analysis: General Methodology For Establishing Impacts/Effects. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions.

Wyoming Outdoor Council - 1573; AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Conservation/Preservation

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5050 - Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. GA4000 - Impact Analysis: Impairment. ON1000 - Other NEPA Issues: General Comments. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Sierra Club - 1593; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1645; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions.

County Government

Fremont County Parks and Recreation - 1557; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT).

Non-Governmental

National Parks Conservation Association - 1582; AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance.

West Yellowstone Economic Development - 1581; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives.

Recreational Groups

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action.

California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6050 - Alternatives: Timed entry. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN7075 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Need Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. SS4000 - Soundscapes: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions.

Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations.

Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6050 - Alternatives: Timed entry. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN7075 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Need Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

State Government

Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives.

Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. SE3000 - Socioeconomics: Study Area. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions.

Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

State of Montana - State Senator - 309; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles.

State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives.

Wyoming Business Council - 905; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department - 1576; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Wyoming State Representative - 1529; AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

Town or City Government

Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Fremont County - 1657; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics.

Town of West Yellowstone - 1543; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses.

Unaffiliated Individual

- 561; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

AARP - 244; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

ANPR - 914; AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 920; AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. 926; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 985; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1307; PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1312; AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. 1330; AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. OI3000 - Other Issues: Comment Period. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

AWSC - 1320; AL5060 - Alternatives: Support Unlimited Snowmobile Access. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

AYL - 874; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Aiken Peace - 522; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Alpine Assassins - 1257; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

American - 1126; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6050 - Alternatives: Timed entry. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority.

BCSF - 1424; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action.

BWAGs - 362; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

- Back Country Hunters and Anglers - 204; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5050 - Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access.
- Beaverhead Sno-Riders - 1041; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.
- Big Sky Town Center - 18; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.
- Bighorn Audubon Society - 229; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles.
- Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club - 1309; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1116; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1306; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). 1318; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 1448; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.
- Blue Ribbon and other multi use - 787; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels.
- Blue River Coalition - 1683; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN7075 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Need Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action.
- Blue ribbon co - 1268; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA - 1130; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.
- Bomarfam LLC - 596; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.
- Boulder County Nature Association - 687; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general).
- Business Owner - 1470; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics.
- CAFS - 887; AL5060 - Alternatives: Support Unlimited Snowmobile Access.
- CNPSR NPCA - 2; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.
- CNPSR et al - 1492; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. SS4000 - Soundscapes: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. VA1000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1494; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. PO4000 - Park Operations: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. SS2000 - Soundscapes:

- Methodology And Assumptions. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. WH1000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions.
- CUFF - 280; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions.
- Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club - 147; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.
- Citizens for Balanced Use - 27; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1218; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics.
- Citizens for Planetary Health - 112; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives.
- Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions.
- Cody Chamber - 1493; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.
- Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1276; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1279; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses.
- Cody Snowmobile Club - 1207; AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety.
- Colorado Mountain Club - 153; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- Corey's Auto Repair & Smog - 1154; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Davis County Snowflakes/Utah Snowmobile Association - 1366; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Defenders of Wildlife - 61; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 108; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general).
- Driftbusters - 1288; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- EL SENDERO-NCW - 1422; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Elks Lodge - 1383; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.
- Family Motor Coaching Assoc. - 782; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels.

Friends of Pathways - 1502; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Friends of Yosemite - 1433; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5050 - Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework.

Friends of the Quinnipiac - 774; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

Fugowee Snowmobile club - 1388; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1408; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

GOSA - 123; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5050 - Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

GYC - 48; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 447; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 451; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 486; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 672; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 753; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

GYC, SIERRA CLUB - 67; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

GYC, YA & NPA - 657; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

GYC; NPCA; NRDC - 719; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general).

Geyser Observation and Study Association - 764; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

Good People - 722; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness - 43; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 554; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Great Yellowstone Coalition - 80; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Greater Yellowstone - 96; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 624; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 47; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 71; AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 73; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 77; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 461; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 484; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 504; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 524; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 534; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 542; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 557; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 622; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 652; AE7000 - Affected

- Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 674; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 676; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 685; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 707; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 718; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 756; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 928; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles.
- Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 643; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 644; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- Greater Yellowstone Quarterly - 137; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level.
- Greater Yellowstone coalition - 511; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 710; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 882; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- HealThier Foundations - 746; AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level.
- Hebgen Lake Development, Inc. - 370; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions.
- Holycross Powder Hounds - 1007; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.
- Hotel Owner - 1360; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience.
- IMBA - 157; AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 1489; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions.
- Interested Voter - 1233; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles.
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- Itasca County Park & Recreation Commission - 918; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

John Q. Public, Lifetime Park User - 55; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

MNUSA - 1119; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1271; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

McCall Area Snowmobiling Club - 1078; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

Member - 460; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1020; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

Michigan Tech Clean Snowmobile Team Alumni - 1168; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

Michigan Tech Keweenaw Research Center - 1435; AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions.

Michigan United Conservation Club - 1133; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance.

Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.

Montana Snowmobile Assn. - 1185; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

Montana Snowmobile Association - 164; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. ON1000 - Other NEPA Issues: General Comments. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1159; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1160; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Montana Wildlife Federation - 466; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Morning Glory Coffee & Tea, Inc. - 284; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders Snowmobile Club - 808; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.

N/A - 553; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

NRDC/WWF/EDF/Sierra Club - 1484; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

National Parks Conservation Association - 1663; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Nishu Bowmen - 1252; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

None - 1373; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

North Group Sierra club - 513; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Northwest Colorado Snowmobile Club - 1273; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles.

OSM - 1219; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

Oregon Recreation Coalition - 1491; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.

Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN7075 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Need Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Outdoor Research / Winter Wildlands Alliance - 142; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.

Park County Commission - 1431; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level.

Park County Commissioners - 1570; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Park County Farm Bureau Federation - 964; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

Prior Lake Snowmobile Association - 969; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other.

Retired - 433; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Rock the Earth - 1423; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. GA3000 - Impact Analysis: General Methodology For Establishing Impacts/Effects. PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. SS4000 - Soundscapes: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. VA1000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. VQ1000 - Visual Quality: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws. WH1000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws. WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

SAFE - 1304; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

SAN JUAN SLEDDERS - 1045; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles.

SAWA - 1505; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general).

SAWS - 1346; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1436; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

SNOWEST - 1471; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

SeeYellowstone.com - 1478; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

- Shut Out of Yellowstone - 923; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance.
- Sierra Club - 521; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 653; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS - 499; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general).
- Sierra Club, Snowlands Network - 1337; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Simmons Elevator Co. - 992; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Sisters of Charity - 494; AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other.
- Ski Benders - 1289; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority.
- Slednecks - 1001; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1034; AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1100; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- SnoWest - 1047; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1349; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience.
- SnoWestOnline - 1275; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT).
- Snow Lands - 973; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Snowest - 1071; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1090; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. 1217; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1248; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1270; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. 1297; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Snowlands Network - 205; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PO4000 - Park Operations: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 210; GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. 367; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 1315; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1317; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1417; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1446; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Southbay Ski Club - 1479; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Sturgeon County Snowmobile Club - 1211; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

- Sussex Sled Bugs - 759; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Sweetwater snow pokes - 1068; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Tax Payer - 398; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.
- The Sierra Club; Friends of The Trinity River; Steamboaters (North Umpqua River, OR); Mendocino Land - 810; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general).
- Thiss Associates Inc. - 496; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Titty Pow Hill Climbing - 1367; AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period.
- Town of West Yellowstone - 182; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.
- Trout Unlimited - 102; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- US Citizen - 1158; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives.
- United Federation of Teachers - 750; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.
- Various Snowmobile Clubs - 1006; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- WSA - 1141; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance.
- WYSEF - 252; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.
- West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic - 404; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- White Thunder Riders - 1031; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).
- Winter Wild Lands - 1245; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general).
- Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.
- Winter Wildlands - 434; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives.
- Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 256; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access.
- Wyoming Game and fish Department - 1459; WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives.
- Wyoming Legislature - 1523; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Unacceptable Impacts. HS2000 - Health and Safety: Methodology and Assumptions. PN2000 - Purpose And

Need: Park Purpose And Significance. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

Yellowstone Coalition - 528; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience.

Yellowstone Association - 33; AL4060 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive). 476; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

Yellowstone Business Partnership - 1486; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

Yellowstone Historical Center - 240; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

Yellowstone Safari Company - 1391; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses.

Yellowstone Ski Festival - 224; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 260; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

anpr - 943; AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance.

awsc - 840; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

blue ribbon coalition - 839; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use.

bucks lake snowdrifters - 1150; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

citizen - 781; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance.

cutbank snowgoers - 1015; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

driftbusters snowmobile club - 1455; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

empire L&C - 1149; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments.

greater yellowstone coalition - 510; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 668; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

greateryellowstonecoalition - 612; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

gyc - 162; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

individual - 575; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general).

local Government Representative - 1046; PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance.

myself - 931; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL4060 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive). AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps.

n/a - 163; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 206; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 880; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

navy - 1050; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

none - 925; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority.

oconomowoc throttle jockey's snowmobile club - 1125; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

please uncheck member - 371; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

powder river snobuffs - 1347; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

private citizen and user of the national parks - 100; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only.

public citizen - 640; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles.

saws - 1404; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.

self - 776; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use.

slednecks - 1115; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

snowlands - 1327; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general).

snowmobile - 1236; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

snowwest - 1129; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8000 - Affected Environment: Visual Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1303; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

statline trailblazer snowmoblie club - 819; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches).

yellowstone association - 523; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment.

N/A - 1; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 3; PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. 4; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 5; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 6; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 7; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 8; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 9; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 10; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 11; AL4060 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive). 12; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 13; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 14; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 15; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. 17; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 19; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 20; AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 21; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 22; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 23; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 24; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 25; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-

guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 26; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). 28; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 29; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 30; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 31; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 32; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 34; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 36; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 41; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 42; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 44; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. 49; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 58; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. 59; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 65; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 75; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 78; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 81; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 84; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 85; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 86; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 87; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 89; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 90; AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 92; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 94; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 99; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 103; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 104; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 105; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. 107; PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. 110; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 111; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 113; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 114; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 115; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 117; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 118; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 120; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 121; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 124; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 125; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. 126; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 127; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 128; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. 129; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 130; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 131; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 132; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 133; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 134; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 135; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 136; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 138; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 139; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 140; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 141; AL5005 - Alternatives:

Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 143; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 144; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 145; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 146; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 149; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 150; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 151; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 154; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 156; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 158; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 159; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 161; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. 166; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 167; AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 169; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 170; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 171; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 172; AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 173; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 175; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 176; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 177; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 178; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 179; AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 180; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 181; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 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AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 208; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. 209; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 211; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 212; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 213; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 214; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 215; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 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Environment: Soundscapes. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 219; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 220; AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 222; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 223; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 225; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 226; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 227; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 228; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 230; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 231; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 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AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 294; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 295; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative

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(either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 805; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 806; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 807; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 812; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 814; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 816; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 818; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 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PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority. 834; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 835; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 836; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 837; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 838; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 844; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). 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snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 863; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 864; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 866; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 867; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 868; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 869; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 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AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 886; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 888; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 889; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 890; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 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VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. 897; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 898; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 899; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 900; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. 901; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 902; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 903; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 904; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 906; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 907; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 908; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 909; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 912; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 913; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5070 - Alternatives:

Non-guided OSV Use. 915; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE8000 - Affected Environment: Visual Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 917; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 919; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 922; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 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use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 988; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 989; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 991; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 993; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 994; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 995; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 996; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. 997; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 998; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 999; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 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AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. 1029; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 1030; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. 1032; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1033; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1037; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 1038; GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. 1039; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 1040; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1042; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1043; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 1044; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1048; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 1049; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 1051; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). 1053; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1055; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1056; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1057; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. 1058; WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 1059; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1061; WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 1062; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1063; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1064; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1065; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1066; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1067; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1070; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 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use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1081; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1082; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1083; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1084; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1085; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1086; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 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PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. 1111; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). 1112; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1113; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1114; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1117; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1118; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1120; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1121; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1122; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1123; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1124; PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1128; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1132; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1134; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. 1135; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1136; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1137; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1139; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1140; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1142; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1143; AE22500 - Affected

Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1144; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1145; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1146; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1147; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1148; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1151; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1152; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL4060 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1153; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1155; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 1156; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. HS4000 - Health and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1157; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1162; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1163; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1164; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1166; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1167; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1170; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1171; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1172; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1173; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1174; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1176; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1177; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1178; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1179; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1180; AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1183; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1184; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 1186; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1187; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1188; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1189; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1192; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1193; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1194; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1195; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1196; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1197; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 1198; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1199; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1200; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1201; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. 1203;

AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1205; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1206; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1208; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1209; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1210; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1213; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1214; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8000 - Affected Environment: Visual Quality. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1215; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1216; AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. 1220; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1221; AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1222; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1223; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1224; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1225; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1226; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1227; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1229; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1230; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1231; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1232; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 1238; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1239; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1240; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1241; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1242; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1243; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 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AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1256; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 1259; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1260; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1261; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1262; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1264; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1266; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1267; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1269; PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1272; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1274; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. 1277; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1278; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1280; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1282; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1283; MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1284; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1285; AE22500 - Affected

Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1287; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1290; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1291; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1292; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1293; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. 1295; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1296; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1298; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1299; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1300; AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA4000 - Impact Analysis: Impairment. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1301; AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1302; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 1305; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. PO4000 - Park Operations: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 1308; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. 1310; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 1311; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1314; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1316; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1319; AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. 1321; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1323; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches. 1324; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1325; AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. 1326; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1328; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1329; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1331; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. 1332; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1333; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1334; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1335; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1339; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1340; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1341; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1342; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1343; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1348; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1350; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1351; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1354; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1355; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1356; SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 1357; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1359; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1361; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1363; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1364; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1368; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1369; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads.

1370; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1372; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1374; PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1375; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 1376; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1377; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1378; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1379; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1380; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1381; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1382; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1383; AL5005 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1384; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1385; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1386; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1387; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1390; AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 1393; PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1394; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1395; AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1396; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 1397; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1398; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1399; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1400; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1401; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1403; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1406; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1407; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. 1410; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1411; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1412; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1413; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 1414; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1415; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1416; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 1418; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use. AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps. AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period. AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations. AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 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AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or

snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1437; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1439; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1440; AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 1441; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1442; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1444; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1445; AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1447; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1449; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1450; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1451; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1452; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1453; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. 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XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1463; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1464; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. 1466; SS4000 - Soundscapes: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives. 1467; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1469; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives. 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AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. HS4000 - Health and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1485; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1487; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 1488; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches. 1490; AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 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Pass and East Entrance. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. HS4000 - Health and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1498; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 1499; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1500; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. 1501; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 1503; AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1504; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 1506; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 1507; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. 1509; AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1510; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1511; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 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AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1517; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1518; XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1519; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles. 1520; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1521; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1524; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. 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AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. 1527; AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1528; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1530; GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. 1532; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. 1533; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1534; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1536; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. 1537; AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1538; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1539; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. 1540; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1541; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use. AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions. PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance. PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework. WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions. 1542; AL5090 -

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AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA4000 - Impact Analysis: Impairment. XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment. 1562; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1563; AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1564; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1567; AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Unacceptable Impacts. 1568; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1569; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 1571; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions. 1577; AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT). 1578; AE12000 - Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat. AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety. AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations. AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. HS4000 - Health and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses. PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions. SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions. 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AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses. MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments. PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement. PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action. 1652; AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches). 1653; AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads. 1655; AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics. AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles. 1660; AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1661; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1662; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1664; AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general). 1665; AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access. 1666; AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general). 1667; AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels. 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alternatives/alternative elements. 1677; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1678; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1679; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1680; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1681; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1682; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1684; AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level. 1685; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1686; AL6040 - Alternatives: Separate OSV use by days. 1687; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements. 1689; AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements.

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myself - 931
snowwest - 1129
N/A - 15 , 26 , 58 , 120 , 124 , 127 , 138 , 154 , 201 , 207 , 208 , 234 , 271 , 279 , 314 , 332 , 355 , 395 , 408 , 412 , 416 , 491 , 514 , 515 , 642 , 665 , 666 , 680 , 727 , 735 , 744 , 749 , 758 , 761 , 763 , 766 , 795 , 802 , 835 , 844 , 847 , 853 , 864 , 869 , 888 , 915 , 917 , 945 , 949 , 958 , 960 , 975 , 983 , 988 , 996 , 999 , 1043 , 1092 , 1108 , 1110 , 1152 , 1156 , 1163 , 1173 , 1174 , 1194 , 1200 , 1201 , 1214 , 1272 , 1274 , 1278 , 1298 , 1302 , 1311 , 1331 , 1375 , 1397 , 1400 , 1457 , 1488 , 1495 , 1497 , 1515 , 1541 , 1546 , 1578

AE21000 - Affected Environment: Socioeconomics

Alpine Assassins - 1257
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1306 , 1448
Boulder County Nature Association - 687
Business Owner - 1470
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1218 , 1572
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1279
Davis County Snowflakes/Utah Snowmobile Association - 1366
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fremont County - 1657
Fugowee Snowmobile club - 1388
GOSA - 123
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 47

Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202
McCall Area Snowmobiling Club - 1078
Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Park County Commission - 1431
Park County Commissioners - 1570
Park County Farm Bureau Federation - 964
Shut Out of Yellowstone - 923
SnoWestOnline - 1275
Snowest - 1071
State of Montana - State Senator - 309
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Tax Payer - 398
Town of West Yellowstone - 1543
WYSEF - 252
West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic - 404
West Yellowstone Economic Development - 1581
West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458
West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911
Wyoming Business Council - 905
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Business Partnership - 1486
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
N/A - 19, 26, 103, 104, 110, 113, 121, 131, 135, 145, 146, 159, 161, 209, 226, 227, 231, 234, 236, 247, 248, 249, 253, 283, 287, 292, 293, 305, 325, 328, 335, 338, 355, 358, 373, 375, 389, 395, 401, 402, 407, 408, 419, 421, 424, 428, 650, 665, 680, 682, 696, 729, 747, 767, 770, 779, 789, 823, 829, 833, 835, 849, 851, 852, 854, 857, 872, 883, 884, 885, 888, 889, 890, 893, 896, 919, 939, 945, 950, 963, 965, 967, 988, 999, 1013, 1028, 1032, 1048, 1051, 1057, 1092, 1096, 1114, 1123, 1139, 1153, 1155, 1178, 1186, 1197, 1200, 1205, 1214, 1278, 1282, 1302, 1305, 1311, 1324, 1332, 1340, 1354, 1370, 1372, 1377, 1380, 1400, 1419, 1434, 1442, 1447, 1450, 1453, 1456, 1469, 1476, 1482, 1495, 1511, 1514, 1517, 1524, 1525, 1586, 1655

AE22500 - Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience

ANPR - 985
Alpine Assassins - 1257
American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826
Beaverhead Sno-Riders - 1041
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1306, 1580
BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA - 1130
Boulder County Nature Association - 687
CNPSR et al - 1494
CUFF - 280
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Citizens for Planetary Health - 112
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119

Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1279
Corey's Auto Repair & Smog - 1154
Defenders of Wildlife - 61
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fremont County Parks and Recreation - 1557
Friends of Pathways - 1502
Friends of Yosemite - 1433
GYC, YA & NPA - 657
GYC; NPCA; NRDC - 719
Geysers Observation and Study Association - 764
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Great Yellowstone Coalition - 80
Greater Yellowstone - 624
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 622 , 676 , 756
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 643
Hotel Owner - 1360
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1647
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522
Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438
Montana Snowmobile Assn. - 1185
Montana Snowmobile Association - 1159
OSM - 1219
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Park County Commission - 1431
Park County Commissioners - 1570
Rock the Earth - 1423
Sierra Club - 521 , 653
Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS - 499
Sierra Club, Snowlands Network - 1337
Slednecks - 1001 , 1100
SnoWest - 1349
SnoWestOnline - 1275
Snowest - 1297
Snowlands Network - 205 , 367 , 1446
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Sweetwater snow pokes - 1068
Thiss Associates Inc. - 496
US Citizen - 1158
Various Snowmobile Clubs - 1006
Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
Yellowstone Coalition - 528
Yellowstone Ski Festival - 224 , 260
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
Bucks lake snowdrifters - 1150
citizen - 781
empire L&C - 1149
myself - 931

n/a - 206

please uncheck member - 371

snowlands - 1327

N/A - 15 , 21 , 22 , 94 , 124 , 126 , 127 , 130 , 138 , 149 , 150 , 154 , 175 , 193 , 209 , 216 , 217 , 219 , 259 , 264 , 272 , 277 , 278 , 287 , 291 , 299 , 301 , 302 , 303 , 317 , 323 , 325 , 326 , 327 , 328 , 330 , 332 , 334 , 336 , 341 , 343 , 345 , 351 , 354 , 355 , 364 , 372 , 374 , 378 , 393 , 394 , 395 , 399 , 407 , 408 , 410 , 412 , 413 , 421 , 441 , 445 , 532 , 537 , 558 , 565 , 579 , 597 , 613 , 623 , 634 , 639 , 642 , 660 , 666 , 677 , 678 , 680 , 696 , 699 , 703 , 717 , 729 , 731 , 734 , 735 , 742 , 743 , 744 , 747 , 749 , 755 , 758 , 761 , 767 , 769 , 770 , 784 , 789 , 794 , 795 , 806 , 814 , 822 , 824 , 831 , 832 , 837 , 844 , 851 , 853 , 856 , 858 , 866 , 869 , 872 , 875 , 883 , 884 , 885 , 886 , 888 , 898 , 913 , 917 , 945 , 950 , 958 , 975 , 981 , 991 , 994 , 1012 , 1027 , 1030 , 1032 , 1043 , 1057 , 1065 , 1070 , 1080 , 1081 , 1082 , 1086 , 1089 , 1092 , 1096 , 1098 , 1103 , 1110 , 1118 , 1120 , 1121 , 1123 , 1143 , 1144 , 1147 , 1148 , 1153 , 1162 , 1163 , 1166 , 1171 , 1172 , 1178 , 1200 , 1214 , 1229 , 1231 , 1239 , 1255 , 1261 , 1274 , 1280 , 1285 , 1287 , 1299 , 1302 , 1308 , 1311 , 1324 , 1350 , 1370 , 1375 , 1396 , 1400 , 1418 , 1432 , 1434 , 1442 , 1449 , 1456 , 1457 , 1461 , 1462 , 1463 , 1469 , 1477 , 1481 , 1482 , 1497 , 1510 , 1511 , 1519 , 1520 , 1524 , 1525 , 1541 , 1551 , 1561 , 1562 , 1563 , 1579 , 1584

AE30000 - Affected Environment: Health and Safety

Cody Snowmobile Club - 1207

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 718

Snowlands Network - 205

United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688

Wyoming Legislature - 1523

Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575

snowlands - 1327

N/A - 154 , 220 , 749 , 980 , 1311 , 1432 , 1578

AE7000 - Affected Environment: Air Quality

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1306 , 1318

CNPSR et al - 1492

Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572

Citizens for Planetary Health - 112

Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119

Colorado Mountain Club - 153

Friends of Yosemite - 1433

GOSA - 123

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 652 , 676 , 718

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473

International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647

Michigan Tech Clean Snowmobile Team Alumni - 1168

Michigan United Conservation Club - 1133

Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438

Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590

OSM - 1219

Rock the Earth - 1423

United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688

Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575

gyc - 162

snowwest - 1129

N/A - 7 , 15 , 58 , 124 , 129 , 154 , 271 , 279 , 303 , 395 , 648 , 758 , 812 , 818 , 835 , 844 , 864 , 949 , 1029 , 1039 , 1043 , 1110 , 1139 , 1140 , 1143 , 1145 , 1152 , 1194 , 1201 , 1222 , 1278 , 1301 , 1400 , 1511 , 1525

AE8000 - Affected Environment: Visual Quality

snowwest - 1129
N/A - 218 , 915 , 1214

AE8100 - Affected Environment: Soundscapes

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
CNPSR et al - 1492
Citizens for Planetary Health - 112
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Colorado Mountain Club - 153
GOSA - 123
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 652 , 676 , 718
Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438
Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Rock the Earth - 1423
Sisters of Charity - 494
Thiss Associates Inc. - 496
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
gyc - 162
please uncheck member - 371
N/A - 15 , 19 , 58 , 90 , 124 , 127 , 129 , 154 , 161 , 172 , 218 , 220 , 242 , 245 , 272 , 279 , 303 , 336 , 489 , 642 ,
648 , 650 , 770 , 844 , 898 , 915 , 949 , 1110 , 1145 , 1152 , 1156 , 1194 , 1397 , 1400 , 1510 , 1511 , 1525 ,
1546

AE8500 - Affected Environment: Park Operations

CNPSR et al - 1492
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
N/A - 161 , 699 , 812 , 889 , 1096 , 1300 , 1457 , 1503 , 1514 , 1577 , 1578

AE9500 - Affected Environment: General/Other

International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647
Montana Snowmobile Assn. - 1185
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Prior Lake Snowmobile Association - 969
Sisters of Charity - 494
Ski Benders - 1289
Snowest - 1090
Snowlands Network - 1417
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
myself - 931
N/A - 44 , 105 , 111 , 127 , 129 , 150 , 166 , 175 , 303 , 369 , 397 , 500 , 501 , 519 , 572 , 767 , 941 , 960 , 963 ,
965 , 974 , 1173 , 1274 , 1308 , 1319 , 1397 , 1469

AL4050 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV Use)

N/A - 1584

AL4060 - Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive)

Yellowstone Association - 33
myself - 931
N/A - 11 , 332 , 366 , 431 , 505 , 576 , 1152

AL5000 - Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels

Blue Ribbon and other multi use - 787
Family Motor Coaching Assoc. - 782
Snowest - 1071
greater yellowstone coalition - 668
myself - 931
please uncheck member - 371
N/A - 1 , 8 , 10 , 15 , 94 , 134 , 145 , 259 , 313 , 356 , 364 , 395 , 397 , 564 , 639 , 677 , 703 , 761 , 771 , 784 ,
827 , 831 , 832 , 883 , 886 , 903 , 1040 , 1114 , 1174 , 1184 , 1232 , 1300 , 1407 , 1461 , 1498 , 1500 , 1504 ,
1512 , 1514 , 1541 , 1560 , 1561 , 1562 , 1667

AL5005 - Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches)

Alpine Assassins - 1257
American - 1126
BCSF - 1424
Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club - 1309
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1116 , 1306 , 1448
Blue ribbon co - 1268
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656
Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659
Citizens for Balanced Use - 27
Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1276 , 1279
Colorado Mountain Club - 153
Corey's Auto Repair & Smog - 1154
Davis County Snowflakes/Utah Snowmobile Association - 1366
Driftbusters - 1288
Elks Lodge - 1383
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fremont County Parks and Recreation - 1557
Fugowee snowmobile Club - 1408
GYC, SIERRA CLUB - 67
Greater Yellowstone - 624
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 622 , 685
Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138
Holycross Powder Hounds - 1007
International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647
Itasca County Park & Recreation Commission - 918
MNUSA - 1271
McCall Area Snowmobiling Club - 1078
Member - 1020
Michigan United Conservation Club - 1133
Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522
Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders Snowmobile Club - 808
Nishu Bowmen - 1252
OSM - 1219

Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Park County Commission - 1431
Park County Commissioners - 1570
Park County Farm Bureau Federation - 964
SAFE - 1304
SAWS - 1346 , 1436
SNOWEST - 1471
Simmons Elevator Co. - 992
Slednecks - 1001 , 1100
SnoWest - 1047 , 1071 , 1090 , 1217 , 1248 , 1297
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Sturgeon County Snowmobile Club - 1211
Sussex Sled Bugs - 759
Sweetwater snow pokes - 1068
US Citizen - 1158
Various Snowmobile Clubs - 1006
WSA - 1141
White Thunder Riders - 1031
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
awsc - 840
blue ribbon coalition - 839
bucks lake snowdrifters - 1150
cutbank snowgoers - 1015
driftbusters snowmobile club - 1455
myself - 931
n/a - 880
oconomowoc throttle jocky's snowmobile culb - 1125
please uncheck member - 371
slednecks - 1115
snowmobile - 1236
snowwest - 1129 , 1303
statline trailblazer snowmoblie club - 819
N/A - 5 , 13 , 22 , 24 , 29 , 34 , 89 , 125 , 130 , 140 , 141 , 158 , 166 , 194 , 209 , 238 , 255 , 262 , 271 , 277 , 278 , 289 , 300 , 325 , 355 , 358 , 360 , 364 , 368 , 374 , 375 , 392 , 395 , 414 , 594 , 639 , 678 , 766 , 775 , 786 , 789 , 790 , 796 , 804 , 807 , 812 , 814 , 818 , 820 , 822 , 824 , 829 , 831 , 832 , 835 , 844 , 846 , 849 , 851 , 852 , 853 , 856 , 859 , 862 , 866 , 867 , 879 , 881 , 885 , 886 , 888 , 890 , 904 , 906 , 919 , 922 , 924 , 945 , 951 , 958 , 979 , 981 , 982 , 987 , 989 , 993 , 994 , 997 , 999 , 1000 , 1002 , 1003 , 1004 , 1005 , 1008 , 1009 , 1011 , 1012 , 1013 , 1014 , 1018 , 1019 , 1022 , 1024 , 1027 , 1030 , 1033 , 1042 , 1055 , 1057 , 1059 , 1062 , 1064 , 1065 , 1066 , 1067 , 1070 , 1072 , 1073 , 1075 , 1080 , 1081 , 1082 , 1083 , 1084 , 1085 , 1086 , 1092 , 1096 , 1097 , 1099 , 1101 , 1102 , 1103 , 1107 , 1108 , 1112 , 1113 , 1114 , 1117 , 1120 , 1122 , 1123 , 1132 , 1134 , 1136 , 1137 , 1139 , 1140 , 1142 , 1143 , 1144 , 1146 , 1151 , 1153 , 1157 , 1162 , 1163 , 1164 , 1167 , 1170 , 1171 , 1173 , 1176 , 1177 , 1178 , 1183 , 1186 , 1187 , 1188 , 1189 , 1192 , 1195 , 1196 , 1198 , 1199 , 1203 , 1206 , 1210 , 1215 , 1220 , 1223 , 1224 , 1225 , 1227 , 1241 , 1246 , 1247 , 1249 , 1250 , 1254 , 1255 , 1259 , 1260 , 1261 , 1264 , 1266 , 1267 , 1278 , 1280 , 1284 , 1285 , 1287 , 1291 , 1295 , 1296 , 1298 , 1301 , 1302 , 1321 , 1326 , 1329 , 1335 , 1342 , 1343 , 1348 , 1351 , 1357 , 1361 , 1363 , 1376 , 1381 , 1382 , 1387 , 1394 , 1397 , 1399 , 1400 , 1401 , 1403 , 1406 , 1410 , 1416 , 1418 , 1420 , 1421 , 1434 , 1437 , 1441 , 1442 , 1449 , 1452 , 1453 , 1463 , 1467 , 1469 , 1472 , 1474 , 1485 , 1496 , 1497 , 1507 , 1514 , 1517 , 1521 , 1541 , 1546 , 1549 , 1579 , 1584 , 1586 , 1652

AL5010 - Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles

Big Sky Town Center - 18

Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572

Interested Voter - 1233

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473

International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647

MNUSA - 1271

Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438

Northwest Colorado Snowmobile Club - 1273

Oregon Recreation Coalition - 1491

SAN JUAN SLEDDERS - 1045

Ski Benders - 1289

Snowest - 1090

State of Montana - State Senator - 309

State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588

N/A - 5 , 12 , 17 , 32 , 111 , 199 , 281 , 314 , 315 , 328 , 337 , 387 , 389 , 424 , 778 , 779 , 794 , 832 , 846 , 862 , 864 , 871 , 879 , 885 , 906 , 922 , 939 , 962 , 980 , 1028 , 1037 , 1049 , 1057 , 1134 , 1299 , 1375 , 1400 , 1418 , 1434 , 1449 , 1457 , 1498 , 1500 , 1525 , 1527 , 1584 , 1655

AL5015 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles

Bighorn Audubon Society - 229

CNPSR NPCA - 2

Colorado Mountain Club - 153

EL SENDERO-NCW - 1422

GYC - 451

GYC; NPCA; NRDC - 719

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 928

Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS - 499

Snowlands Network - 205

public citizen - 640

N/A - 19 , 87 , 99 , 115 , 156 , 180 , 187 , 188 , 261 , 320 , 365 , 372 , 377 , 394 , 399 , 426 , 453 , 508 , 515 , 518 , 660 , 666 , 667 , 703 , 712 , 743 , 854 , 901 , 944 , 971 , 1256 , 1308 , 1323 , 1445 , 1488 , 1495 , 1519 , 1556

AL5020 - Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches

Park County Commissioners - 1570

West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911

Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583

Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575

N/A - 387 , 515 , 518 , 547 , 855 , 971 , 1311 , 1323 , 1584

AL5025 - Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches

CNPSR NPCA - 2

Colorado Mountain Club - 153

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 71

IMBA - 157

Memories by Marne, Photography - 1544

N/A - 20 , 154 , 320 , 364 , 365 , 372 , 379 , 392 , 546 , 565 , 891 , 939 , 941 , 944 , 1194 , 1488 , 1495 , 1552

AL5030 - Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only

Aiken Peace - 522

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566

Back Country Hunters and Anglers - 204

Boulder County Nature Association - 687

Defenders of Wildlife - 61

GYC - 48 , 447 , 486

GYC, YA & NPA - 657
Good People - 722
Great Old Broads for wilderness - 554
Great Yellowstone Coalition - 80
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 47 , 71 , 461 , 504 , 524 , 534 , 557 , 652 , 674 , 707 , 718 , 756 , 511 , 710
Grester Yellowstone Coalition - 882
IMBA - 1489
John Q. Public, Lifetime Park User - 55
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
Member - 460
Montana Wildlife Federation - 466
National Parks Conservation Association - 1663
North Group Sierra club - 513
Retired - 433
Rock the Earth - 1423
Sierra Club - 521 , 653 , 1593 , 1645
Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS - 499
Sierra Club, Snowlands Network - 1337
Snow Lands - 973
Snowlands Network - 367 , 1317 , 1417 , 1446 , 1651
Southbay Ski Club - 1479
United Federation of Teachers - 750
Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16
Yellowstone Association - 476
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
greater yellowstone coalition - 510
greateryellowstonecoalition - 612
gyc - 162
n/a - 163
please uncheck member - 371
private citizen and user of the national parks - 100
N/A - 7 , 41 , 59 , 65 , 75 , 81 , 86 , 127 , 129 , 138 , 150 , 170 , 176 , 177 , 181 , 209 , 213 , 215 , 232 , 234 , 245
, 279 , 303 , 316 , 323 , 330 , 333 , 334 , 339 , 341 , 361 , 394 , 399 , 415 , 416 , 418 , 423 , 455 , 463 , 471 , 474
, 481 , 483 , 487 , 489 , 491 , 492 , 495 , 497 , 498 , 501 , 516 , 532 , 540 , 543 , 569 , 576 , 579 , 580 , 583 , 586
, 591 , 599 , 606 , 610 , 618 , 630 , 632 , 642 , 645 , 650 , 665 , 669 , 698 , 705 , 716 , 720 , 724 , 731 , 734 , 735
, 740 , 742 , 749 , 751 , 752 , 762 , 769 , 802 , 816 , 884 , 891 , 899 , 907 , 915 , 936 , 937 , 947 , 950 , 1282 ,
1292 , 1308 , 1311 , 1333 , 1398 , 1427 , 1432 , 1460 , 1477 , 1499 , 1534 , 1536 , 1538 , 1539 , 1555 , 1563 ,
1567 , 1577

AL5040 - Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access

- 561
CNPSR NPCA - 2
Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club - 147
Citizens for Planetary Health - 112
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
EL SENDERO-NCW - 1422
Friends of Yosemite - 1433
GYC - 48 , 672 , 753
Great Old Broads for Wilderness - 43
Greater Yellowstone - 96
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 47 , 73 , 484 , 524 , 676 , 756
Greater Yellowstone Quarterly - 137

Greater Yellowstone coalition - 511
IMBA - 157 , 1489
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428
John Q. Public, Lifetime Park User - 55
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
Memories by Marne, Photography - 1544
N/A - 553
NRDC/WWF/EDF/Sierra Club - 1484
Outdoor Research / Winter Wildlands Alliance - 142
Rock the Earth - 1423
Sierra Club - 521 , 653 , 1593
Snowlands Network - 1315 , 1317 , 1417 , 1446 , 1651
Thiss Associates Inc. - 496
Trout Unlimited - 102
Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263
Winter Wildlands - 434
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16 , 256
none - 925
N/A - 4 , 23 , 28 , 30 , 36 , 41 , 42 , 49 , 65 , 78 , 84 , 85 , 86 , 90 , 92 , 117 , 120 , 127 , 129 , 143 , 149 , 150 ,
154 , 169 , 178 , 181 , 183 , 185 , 196 , 198 , 207 , 212 , 213 , 220 , 222 , 228 , 234 , 258 , 263 , 264 , 265 , 272 ,
273 , 279 , 303 , 318 , 319 , 322 , 323 , 326 , 331 , 332 , 336 , 338 , 343 , 380 , 383 , 385 , 392 , 411 , 415 , 418 ,
435 , 443 , 452 , 481 , 482 , 488 , 509 , 514 , 519 , 536 , 544 , 546 , 551 , 583 , 591 , 613 , 623 , 634 , 646 , 648 ,
658 , 660 , 680 , 682 , 690 , 691 , 692 , 714 , 717 , 733 , 741 , 743 , 744 , 747 , 749 , 751 , 755 , 758 , 805 , 845 ,
847 , 848 , 855 , 891 , 899 , 900 , 902 , 930 , 946 , 947 , 967 , 1242 , 1262 , 1282 , 1290 , 1293 , 1311 , 1316 ,
1339 , 1359 , 1411 , 1415 , 1427 , 1444 , 1445 , 1477 , 1510 , 1540 , 1552 , 1553 , 1563 , 1567 , 1571 , 1661 ,
1662 , 1665

AL5050 - Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Back Country Hunters and Anglers - 204
Friends of Yosemite - 1433
GOSA - 123
N/A - 265 , 383 , 415 , 832 , 946

AL5060 - Alternatives: Support Unlimited Snowmobile Access

AWSC - 1320
CAFS - 887
N/A - 186 , 197 , 823 , 860 , 941 , 1070

AL5065 - Alternatives: Support more access (general)

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1306
Blue River Coalition - 1683
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659
MNUSA - 1119
Park County Commission - 1431
SAWA - 1505
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Town of West Yellowstone - 1543
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575

N/A - 21 , 25 , 26 , 140 , 282 , 354 , 428 , 763 , 822 , 844 , 851 , 858 , 885 , 890 , 956 , 1051 , 1097 , 1111 , 1222 , 1382 , 1390 , 1400 , 1462 , 1547

AL5068 - Alternatives: Support less access (general)

ANPR - 926

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566

Boulder County Nature Association - 687

Defenders of Wildlife - 108

Friends of the Quinnipiac - 774

GYC; NPCA; NRDC - 719

IMBA - 157

Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590

Snowlands Network - 205

Winter Wild Lands - 1245

n/a - 206

snowlands - 1327

N/A - 22 , 23 , 172 , 175 , 201 , 207 , 209 , 211 , 215 , 218 , 219 , 265 , 352 , 397 , 400 , 688 , 812 , 901 , 967 , 995 , 1156 , 1413 , 1577 , 1578 , 1664

AL5069 - Alternatives: Support no access (general)

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566

Citizens for Planetary Health - 112

Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 77 , 542 , 622

IMBA - 157

Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS - 499

The Sierra Club; Friends of The Trinity River; Steamboaters (North Umpqua River, OR); Mendocino Land - 810

Yellowstone Safai Company - 1391

individual - 575

N/A - 103 , 113 , 117 , 173 , 175 , 202 , 203 , 214 , 217 , 267 , 268 , 276 , 397 , 416 , 420 , 427 , 436 , 571 , 576 , 682 , 690 , 703 , 770 , 796 , 927 , 932 , 948 , 1194 , 1243 , 1331 , 1430 , 1501 , 1506 , 1554 , 1569 , 1666

AL5070 - Alternatives: Non-guided OSV Use

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1448

BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313

California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591

Cody Chamber - 1493

Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443

Fugowee Snowmobile club - 1388

Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522

Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association - 1438

Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders Snowmobile Club - 808

Oregon Recreation Coalition - 1491

Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516

Park County Commission - 1431

Park County Commissioners - 1570

Shut Out of Yellowstone - 923

Snowest - 1071

WSA - 1141

Wyoming Legislature - 1523

Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559

myself - 931

saws - 1404

self - 776

N/A - 1 , 8 , 9 , 13 , 20 , 25 , 128 , 130 , 134 , 144 , 223 , 231 , 237 , 250 , 278 , 312 , 325 , 337 , 379 , 390 , 421 , 424 , 467 , 678 , 763 , 773 , 778 , 783 , 861 , 864 , 871 , 885 , 888 , 913 , 917 , 939 , 958 , 975 , 980 , 1044 , 1056 , 1070 , 1086 , 1096 , 1152 , 1179 , 1205 , 1208 , 1209 , 1213 , 1214 , 1223 , 1253 , 1299 , 1335 , 1341 , 1355 , 1379 , 1382 , 1384 , 1390 , 1397 , 1400 , 1412 , 1416 , 1449 , 1463 , 1481 , 1487 , 1497 , 1500 , 1514 , 1515 , 1524 , 1525 , 1527 , 1532 , 1537 , 1579

AL5075 - Alternatives: Non-commercially guided OSV Use

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580

Blue River Coalition - 1683

Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656

California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591

Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659

Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473

International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589

Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585

Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516

Slednecks - 1034

Snowest - 1090

State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588

Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648

Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559

citizen - 781

N/A - 179 , 250 , 783 , 784 , 794 , 846 , 876 , 878 , 933 , 962 , 965 , 979 , 980 , 1003 , 1134 , 1208 , 1213 , 1214 , 1216 , 1222 , 1325 , 1379 , 1407 , 1418 , 1525 , 1579 , 1584

AL5080 - Alternatives: Adjustable OSV Caps

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580

Blue River Coalition - 1683

BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313

California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591

Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659

Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572

Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531

Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473

International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647

Montana Snowmobile Assn. - 1185

Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516

Park County Commission - 1431

Park County Commissioners - 1570

Slednecks - 1034

Snowest - 1090

State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588

Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648

West Yellowstone Economic Development - 1581

West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911

Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559

Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
myself - 931
N/A - 310 , 784 , 844 , 962 , 963 , 1179 , 1180 , 1216 , 1300 , 1395 , 1418 , 1461 , 1561 , 1579 , 1584

AL5090 - Alternatives: Plow Roads

AARP - 244
BWAGs - 362
Bomarfam LLC - 596
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1276 , 1279
GOSA - 123
Geysir Observation and Study Association - 764
Hebgen Lake Development, Inc. - 370
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428
Michigan United Conservation Club - 1133
Morning Glory Coffee & Tea, Inc. - 284
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Tax Payer - 398
Town of West Yellowstone - 182
WYSEF - 252
West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic - 404
West Yellowstone Economic Development - 1581
West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458
West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Business Partnership - 1486
Yellowstone Historical Center - 240
Yellowstone Safai Company - 1391
Yellowstone Ski Festival - 224 , 260
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
n/a - 880

yellowstone association - 523
N/A - 6 , 103 , 104 , 110 , 113 , 114 , 115 , 118 , 121 , 126 , 128 , 131 , 132 , 133 , 135 , 136 , 139 , 146 , 159 ,
171 , 191 , 193 , 195 , 200 , 202 , 216 , 225 , 226 , 227 , 230 , 231 , 233 , 234 , 235 , 236 , 237 , 239 , 241 , 243 ,
246 , 247 , 248 , 251 , 253 , 254 , 269 , 270 , 274 , 275 , 283 , 285 , 286 , 287 , 288 , 290 , 292 , 293 , 294 , 296 ,
297 , 298 , 301 , 302 , 304 , 305 , 308 , 321 , 335 , 338 , 344 , 345 , 346 , 347 , 348 , 349 , 350 , 351 , 353 , 354 ,
357 , 360 , 363 , 364 , 365 , 373 , 374 , 375 , 376 , 378 , 380 , 381 , 382 , 384 , 386 , 388 , 390 , 391 , 392 , 401 ,
402 , 405 , 407 , 408 , 409 , 410 , 412 , 413 , 417 , 419 , 422 , 425 , 426 , 429 , 430 , 432 , 437 , 438 , 439 , 440 ,
441 , 459 , 538 , 682 , 690 , 696 , 697 , 699 , 725 , 728 , 763 , 767 , 772 , 779 , 820 , 829 , 832 , 833 , 834 , 836 ,
837 , 844 , 849 , 851 , 852 , 854 , 857 , 863 , 864 , 868 , 869 , 870 , 875 , 879 , 883 , 884 , 889 , 893 , 894 , 896 ,
897 , 898 , 902 , 908 , 909 , 912 , 917 , 919 , 939 , 940 , 963 , 965 , 966 , 967 , 968 , 974 , 1040 , 1096 , 1128 ,
1205 , 1213 , 1214 , 1223 , 1226 , 1230 , 1240 , 1251 , 1277 , 1300 , 1301 , 1305 , 1310 , 1324 , 1328 , 1331 ,
1332 , 1334 , 1340 , 1354 , 1364 , 1368 , 1369 , 1377 , 1378 , 1380 , 1384 , 1385 , 1386 , 1395 , 1397 , 1414 ,
1415 , 1416 , 1419 , 1425 , 1426 , 1432 , 1447 , 1450 , 1462 , 1464 , 1469 , 1480 , 1482 , 1497 , 1500 , 1503 ,
1514 , 1517 , 1520 , 1528 , 1533 , 1537 , 1541 , 1542 , 1547 , 1548 , 1549 , 1550 , 1551 , 1560 , 1561 , 1562 ,
1564 , 1568 , 1578 , 1586 , 1653

AL5095 - Alternatives: Transition Period

Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580

Blue River Coalition - 1683
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647
Park County Commission - 1431
Park County Commissioners - 1570
Slednecks - 1034
Titty Pow Hill Climbing - 1367
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911
Wyoming State Representative - 1529
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
N/A - 784 , 962 , 968 , 1179 , 1180 , 1216 , 1395 , 1400 , 1418 , 1584

AL5098 - Alternatives: Gate Allocations

Blue River Coalition - 1683
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA) - 1659
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202
Slednecks - 1034
Snowest - 1090
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
N/A - 784 , 962 , 979 , 1216 , 1223 , 1418

AL6000 - Alternatives: Support Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance

ANPR - 1330
Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
National Parks Conservation Association - 1582
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Shut Out of Yellowstone - 923
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Wyoming Business Council - 905
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
N/A - 941 , 1095 , 1490

AL6010 - Alternatives: Oppose Snowmobiles Using Sylvan Pass and East Entrance

ANPR - 914 , 920 , 1312
Yellowstone Safai Company - 1391
anpr - 943
N/A - 114 , 134 , 150 , 191 , 203 , 321 , 919 , 1416 , 1497 , 1500 , 1503 , 1514 , 1584

AL6020 - Alternatives: Best Available Technology (BAT)

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Brigham Young University-Idaho - 1526
CNPSR NPCA - 2
CNPSR et al - 1492
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591

Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club - 147
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Colorado Mountain Club - 153
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fremont County Parks and Recreation - 1557
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647
Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Montana Snowmobile Association - 1159
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
SnoWestOnline - 1275
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
Wyoming State Representative - 1529
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
please uncheck member - 371
N/A - 5 , 9 , 20 , 21 , 24 , 25 , 59 , 104 , 110 , 134 , 144 , 172 , 179 , 184 , 250 , 288 , 317 , 389 , 424 , 428 , 743 ,
773 , 783 , 822 , 844 , 854 , 906 , 940 , 949 , 954 , 963 , 979 , 980 , 1091 , 1194 , 1213 , 1214 , 1300 , 1341 ,
1390 , 1395 , 1400 , 1415 , 1440 , 1487 , 1509 , 1514 , 1541 , 1561 , 1577

AL6030 - Alternatives: Specific suggestions for a new OSV limit/level

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fugowee Snowmobile club - 1388
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Greater Yellowstone Quarterly - 137
HealThier Foundations - 746
Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Park County Commission - 1431
Park County Commissioners - 1570
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators - 911
Wyoming Business Council - 905
Wyoming State Representative - 1529
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
citizen - 781
N/A - 13 , 167 , 179 , 250 , 257 , 703 , 766 , 783 , 784 , 873 , 941 , 949 , 961 , 1208 , 1223 , 1300 , 1341 , 1379 ,
1397 , 1434 , 1449 , 1461 , 1514 , 1525 , 1527 , 1553 , 1560 , 1561 , 1564 , 1586 , 1660 , 1684

AL6040 - Alternatives: Seperate OSV use by days

N/A - 1686

AL6050 - Alternatives: Timed entry

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559

AL6060 - Alternatives: Other suggested alternatives/alternative elements

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Beaverhead Sno-Riders - 1041
BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA - 1130
Bomarfam LLC - 596
CNPSR NPCA - 2
CNPSR et al - 1494
CUFF - 280
Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club - 147
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Friends of Pathways - 1502
Friends of the Quinipiac - 774
GOSA - 123
Geyser Observation and Study Association - 764
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 622
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
Michigan Tech Clean Snowmobile Team Alumni - 1168
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Montana Snowmobile Association - 1159
None - 1373
SeeYellowstone.com - 1478
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha - 1583
Yellowstone Business Partnership - 1486
Yellowstone Safai Company - 1391
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
navy - 1050
please uncheck member - 371
powder river snobuffs - 1347
N/A - 15 , 20 , 22 , 104 , 110 , 144 , 151 , 154 , 179 , 209 , 212 , 226 , 234 , 235 , 237 , 245 , 250 , 266 , 273 , 286 , 287 , 288 , 295 , 312 , 321 , 327 , 334 , 352 , 353 , 355 , 356 , 357 , 372 , 379 , 390 , 392 , 394 , 403 , 406 , 410 , 415 , 426 , 467 , 502 , 632 , 734 , 763 , 773 , 797 , 844 , 861 , 863 , 876 , 878 , 891 , 893 , 898 , 940 , 955 , 1053 , 1156 , 1183 , 1194 , 1213 , 1226 , 1238 , 1277 , 1290 , 1300 , 1314 , 1328 , 1340 , 1341 , 1380 , 1395 , 1415 , 1439 , 1454 , 1477 , 1482 , 1497 , 1499 , 1524 , 1525 , 1527 , 1540 , 1560 , 1561 , 1567 , 1571 , 1578 , 1584 , 1667 , 1668 , 1669 , 1670 , 1671 , 1672 , 1673 , 1674 , 1675 , 1676 , 1677 , 1678 , 1679 , 1680 , 1681 , 1682 , 1685 , 1687 , 1689

AL6070 - Alternatives: Summer use

AWSC - 1320
Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826
Big Sky Town Center - 18
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1116 , 1448 , 1580

BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA - 1130
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1276
Families for Outdoor Recreation - 1443
Fugowee snowmobile Club - 1408
Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138
Holycross Powder Hounds - 1007
MNUSA - 1119 , 1271
Montana Snowmobile Association - 164 , 1159
Park County Farm Bureau Federation - 964
SAWS - 1436
Snowest - 1071
WSA - 1141
Wyoming State Representative - 1529
blue ribbon coalition - 839
bucks lake snowdrifters - 1150
N/A - 22 , 130 , 144 , 146 , 177 , 235 , 317 , 375 , 791 , 812 , 816 , 820 , 822 , 832 , 835 , 861 , 885 , 888 , 890 ,
901 , 904 , 906 , 945 , 949 , 952 , 958 , 962 , 991 , 998 , 1011 , 1063 , 1083 , 1086 , 1089 , 1091 , 1092 , 1097 ,
1101 , 1102 , 1107 , 1118 , 1135 , 1140 , 1144 , 1145 , 1148 , 1152 , 1163 , 1174 , 1177 , 1178 , 1186 , 1193 ,
1194 , 1221 , 1222 , 1278 , 1285 , 1298 , 1357 , 1372 , 1379 , 1418 , 1442 , 1509 , 1515 , 1524 , 1525 , 1541 ,
1546

AQ2000 - Air Quality: Methodology And Assumptions

CNPSR et al - 1492 , 1494
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Michigan Tech Keweenaw Research Center - 1435
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Rock the Earth - 1423
Snowlands Network - 367
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
Wyoming Outdoor Council - 1573
N/A - 140 , 191 , 1030 , 1464 , 1517 , 1541 , 1546

CC1000 - Consultation and Coordination: General Comments

ANPR - 920
CUFF - 280
Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16
Wyoming Outdoor Council - 1573
N/A - 191

GA1000 - Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses

ANPR - 1312
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
CNPSR et al - 1492
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Cody Country Snowmobile Association - 1279

Slednecks - 1034
Snowlands Network - 205 , 210
Town of West Yellowstone - 1543
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
Yellowstone Safai Company - 1391
N/A - 295 , 303 , 321 , 501 , 677 , 740 , 784 , 899 , 1025 , 1038 , 1179 , 1180 , 1238 , 1308 , 1449 , 1464 , 1477 ,
1497 , 1514 , 1530 , 1584

GA3000 - Impact Analysis: General Methodology For Establishing Impacts/Effects

Rock the Earth - 1423
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648

GA4000 - Impact Analysis: Impairment

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
N/A - 355 , 1300 , 1561

GA5000 - Impact Analysis: Unacceptable Impacts

Wyoming Legislature - 1523
N/A - 1567

HS2000 - Health and Safety: Methodology and Assumptions

Wyoming Legislature - 1523

HS4000 - Health and Safety: Impact of Proposal and Alternatives

N/A - 1156 , 1482 , 1497 , 1514 , 1578

MT1000 - Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments

ANPR - 1312
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138
Montana Snowmobile Assn. - 1185
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Snowest - 1071
US Citizen - 1158
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16
bucks lake snowdrifters - 1150
empire L&C - 1149
snowwest - 1129
N/A - 14 , 31 , 125 , 320 , 334 , 414 , 615 , 705 , 778 , 797 , 835 , 838 , 853 , 856 , 869 , 889 , 1057 , 1070 , 1085
, 1089 , 1095 , 1104 , 1108 , 1110 , 1123 , 1135 , 1145 , 1147 , 1162 , 1179 , 1180 , 1227 , 1272 , 1283 , 1293 ,
1461 , 1524 , 1584

OI3000 - Other Issues: Comment Period

ANPR - 1330

ON1000 - Other NEPA Issues: General Comments

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Montana Snowmobile Association - 164

PN2000 - Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance

ANPR - 1312 , 1330

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Citizens for Planetary Health - 112
Friends of Yosemite - 1433
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 674 , 718
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1647
Minnesota United Snowmobile Association - 1522
Montana Snowmobile Association - 1159
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Snowest - 1071
US Citizen - 1158
WSA - 1141
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
citizen - 781
greater yellowstone coalition - 668
local Government Representative - 1046
N/A - 117 , 124 , 129 , 141 , 316 , 334 , 336 , 339 , 343 , 352 , 359 , 392 , 395 , 660 , 705 , 723 , 752 , 755 , 758 ,
795 , 806 , 812 , 833 , 864 , 888 , 899 , 1065 , 1101 , 1110 , 1120 , 1122 , 1132 , 1140 , 1156 , 1172 , 1177 ,
1194 , 1359 , 1374 , 1418 , 1507 , 1541 , 1554

PN3000 - Purpose And Need: Scope Of The Analysis

ANPR - 1312
Friends of Pathways - 1502
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
N/A - 3 , 891 , 1449

PN4000 - Purpose And Need: Park Legislation/Authority

Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club - 826
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Rock the Earth - 1423
Ski Benders - 1289
none - 925
N/A - 316 , 795 , 833 , 879 , 1393

PN5000 - Purpose And Need: Regulatory Framework

ANPR - 920
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
Blue River Coalition - 1683
CNPSR et al - 1492
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Friends of Yosemite - 1433
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Rock the Earth - 1423
Slednecks - 1034
N/A - 316 , 784 , 1028 , 1057 , 1080 , 1110 , 1374 , 1418 , 1541

PN7050 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Purpose Statement

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Blue River Coalition - 1683
CNPSR et al - 1492
CUFF - 280

California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Friends of Pathways - 1502
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
N/A - 306 , 1213 , 1214 , 1393 , 1517 , 1584

PN7075 - Purpose and Need: Comments on the Draft Need Statement

Blue River Coalition - 1683
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559

PN8000 - Purpose And Need: Objectives In Taking Action

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
BCSF - 1424
Blue Ribbon Coalition - 1580
Blue River Coalition - 1683
CNPSR et al - 1492 , 1494
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Slednecks - 1034
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
N/A - 784 , 846 , 891 , 898 , 1080 , 1124 , 1213 , 1214 , 1238 , 1269 , 1418 , 1482 , 1503 , 1578 , 1584

PN9000 - Purpose And Need: Issues And Impact Topics Selected For Analyses

American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
CNPSR et al - 1494
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
International Snowmobile Manufactures Association - 1647
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428
Michigan Tech Keweenaw Research Center - 1435
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
N/A - 107 , 307 , 321 , 898 , 1482 , 1503 , 1578

PO2000 - Park Operations: Methodology And Assumptions

ANPR - 1307
Friends of Pathways - 1502
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter - 1575
N/A - 128 , 321 , 359 , 364 , 390 , 884 , 1482 , 1517 , 1578

PO4000 - Park Operations: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives

CNPSR et al - 1494
Snowlands Network - 205
N/A - 1305

SE2000 - Socioeconomics: Methodology And Assumptions

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
CNPSR et al - 1494
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Rock the Earth - 1423
Utah Snowmobile Association - 1648
N/A - 316 , 320 , 335 , 349 , 352 , 437 , 729 , 900 , 1331 , 1464 , 1476 , 1514 , 1524 , 1578

SE3000 - Socioeconomics: Study Area

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589

SE4000 - Socioeconomics: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
US Citizen - 1158
West Yellowstone Economic Development - 1581
West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458
N/A - 12 , 1302 , 1310 , 1356 , 1420

SS2000 - Soundscapes: Methodology And Assumptions

Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
CNPSR et al - 1492 , 1494
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation - 1202
Michigan Tech Keweenaw Research Center - 1435
Montana Department of Environmental Quality - 1590
Rock the Earth - 1423
United States Environmental Protection Agency - 1688
N/A - 15 , 1482 , 1524 , 1546 , 1578

SS4000 - Soundscapes: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives

CNPSR et al - 1492
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Rock the Earth - 1423
N/A - 1466

VA1000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws

CNPSR et al - 1492
Rock the Earth - 1423

VA2000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Methodology And Assumptions

ANPR - 1307
American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
CNPSR et al - 1494
CUFF - 280
California - Nevada Snowmobile Association - 1591
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Coalition of National Park Service Retirees - 119
Hebgen Lake Development, Inc. - 370
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - 1589
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585
Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588

Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263
Wyoming Legislature - 1523
Wyoming State Snowmobile Association - 1559
N/A - 191 , 321 , 372 , 957 , 959 , 1497 , 1517 , 1524 , 1536 , 1571

VA4000 - Visitor Use and Experience: Impact of Proposal And Alternatives

Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming - 1656
Citizens for Planetary Health - 112
Rock the Earth - 1423
State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources - 1588
Winter Wildlands - 434
N/A - 125 , 435 , 501 , 896

VQ1000 - Visual Quality: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws

Rock the Earth - 1423

WH1000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Guiding Policies, Regs And Laws

CNPSR et al - 1494
Rock the Earth - 1423

WH2000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Methodology And Assumptions

ANPR - 1307
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
CNPSR et al - 1494
Citizens for Balanced Use - 1572
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428
Snowlands Network - 205
N/A - 24 , 191 , 387 , 1058 , 1061 , 1449 , 1490 , 1541 , 1578

WH4000 - Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: Impact Of Proposal And Alternatives

Rock the Earth - 1423
Snowlands Network - 367
Wyoming Game and fish Department - 1459
N/A - 437 , 1305 , 1469 , 1490

XX1000 - Duplicate Correspondence/Duplicate Comment

ANPR - 1307 , 1330
AYL - 874
American Council of Snowmobile Associations - 1483
Animal Welfare Institute - 1566
BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n - 1313
CNPSR et al - 1492
Cody Country Chamber of Commerce - 1531
Colorado Mountain Club - 153
Friends of Pathways - 1502
Governor, State of Wyoming - 1465
Greater Yellowstone Coalition - 644
Hamburg Snowmobile Club - 1138
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association - 1473
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance - 1428
Maryland Ornithological Society - 1429
Montana Snowmobile Association - 164 , 1160
Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming - 1585

Oregon State Snowmobile Association - 1516

Park County Commissioners - 1570

Rock the Earth - 1423

Sierra Club - 1593

Snowest - 1071

Trout Unlimited - 102

West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic - 404

West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc. - 1458

Winter Wildland Alliance - 1263

Winter Wildlands Alliance - 16

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APPENDIX 4. ATTACHMENTS TO COMMENT LETTERS

(in separate volume)

APPENDIX 5: SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REPORT

**Winter Use Plan
Substantive Issues Report**

AE12000 Affected Environment: Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 234 **Comment Id:** 127360 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Wildlife will also suffer if the roads are plowed. In the places where snow can accumulate with depth, the roads will become trenches that will trap wildlife, and attempts to keep open cuts in the banks will not work. Every time a plow passes, the cuts will be closed and the work required to keep opening them will not occur (as it is now, the road from Norris to Mammoth cannot even be groomed with the necessary regularity to keep it in anything but poor condition -- keeping side cuts open will fare worse).

Organization:

Commenter: Leslie J Quinn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 355 **Comment Id:** 126618 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe there should be a variety of advantages to view Yellowstone for the visitors. Snowmobiling is a long term public interest. I also learned on my trip there are no restrictions to boat motors on Lake Yellowstone. It seems hypocritical to my reasonings that there are no restrictions here but yet the snowmobiling industry seems to be diminishing but yet has to follow all regulations. While on our tour we came upon many opportunities to view wildlife. I am aware that some say the snowmobile stresses the wildlife. I did not see in three days any animal stressed or anyone operating their machine in anyway to stress the animals. I find this statement of snowmobiling stressing the animals to be untrue.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1448 **Comment Id:** 128971 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Really...if you limit the number of snowmobiles in the Park, you should also be looking at how many motor vehicles go through the rest of year. As for wildlife, I have been to the Park in the Summer...people get disturbingly close to animals in Summertime. Winter visitors are

minimal compared to Summer visitors. Studies have shown that Wildlife is more disturbed by humans on foot than on a snowmobile.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 918 **Comment Id:** 127356 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Me and my wife snowmobiled there together. It was wonderful to see how the buffalo and elk almost didn't know we were even there, with the calming sound of the engines.

Organization: Itasca County Park & Recreation Commission

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1043 **Comment Id:** 126288 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While we were on our last trip there, a Bison was hit by a truck out on Highway 191, (down the road from EINO's) and we were told that occurs 1x per week. Based on that, should we close down the Highways around Yellowstone to preserve the bison????

Organization:

Commenter: Daniel R Szkirpan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 271 **Comment Id:** 127471 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Motorized winter use is not detrimental to it's animals, or the air quality. In fact, it is known that the animals use man-made trails because it is easier on them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 147 **Comment Id:** 128333 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Keep all motorized vehicles away from animals during times they are under high stress.

Organization: Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club

Commenter: Robert R Sandberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 15 **Comment Id:** 129159 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Having spent 2 winter seasons in Yellowstone, I have seen drivers haze bison off the road when they got tired of waiting.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 26 **Comment Id:** 129480 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is a fact that bison and other animals use the groomed trails to move about during the winter months; it is so much easier for them to get around instead of walking through deeper snow. Does this mean it stresses those animals more by having snowmobiles or snow coaches ride by them? It remains to be understood if it does or not. All animals have a tendency to be a little more tolerant during winter months to save energy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1174 **Comment Id:** 126339 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As an avid snowmobiler all my life I have appreciated and protected nature even while snowmobiling. We are not a threat to the wildlife, we are no different then the cars, buses, or motorcycles that travel throughout the park in the summer with the exception that our numbers are much smaller.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1173 **Comment Id:** 128099 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This is public land, land I choose to enjoy on a snowmobile. Man made Global warming has new been PROVEN to be a lie. Snowmobiles scare animals less than skiers PROVEN FACT. New technology has made new snowmobiles cleaner than a lot of cars.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 864 **Comment Id:** 127520 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a snowmobile rider for over 40 years I would like to express my observations and concerns about snowmobile usage. I have not seen any substantial negative impact on wildlife by snowmobiles in all my years of riding. I do see a positive impact for wildlife due to the wildlifes ability to travel on the snowpacked roads and trails instead of belly deep powder.

Organization:

Commenter: Guy Webster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 864 **Comment Id:** 127522 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am very concerned about wildlife and spend far more time and money in relationship to wildlife than 99% of the US population. I would not support activities that would have the negative impact on wildlife that the environmental groups claim. Their claims are on irrational feelings and not on sound fact.

Organization:

Commenter: Guy Webster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 515 **Comment Id:** 126464 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The winter activity and traffic in the park should be the least intrusive as regards the Bison, Elk and other wildlife. Access to the park during the winter months should first and foremost be based on the ramifications to the park wildlife by motor vehicles and particularly snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1163 **Comment Id:** 128087 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a unique and awesome way of experiencing the outdoors during the winter time. With guided tours and BAT snowmobiles, the impact on wildlife and habitat is relatively

minimal and provides the public a great way to experience the park, as well as become educated on all these great natural resources have to offer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128040 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no legitimate reason for reducing snowmobile numbers other than you guys just want them out of the park. They are clean enough and quiet enough. That was what was asked for. Now that manufacturers are meeting those requirements there shouldn't be any more issues. There isn't anymore stress on animals then there would be with snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 853 **Comment Id:** 127473 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a citizen that believes in conservation and I am not in agreement with pollution of the environment. However, some measures are just too strict and way too radical; I can even say some rules are unfair. The way I see this situation is that the impact of using snowmobiles in the park is not a detriment for animals and other resources. When I had the experience to visit the park and ride around on a snowmobile everyone was polite, respectful and environmentally conscious. Not once, any of the riders went out of the main trail nor disturbed any wild animals. I believe Yellowstone Park should remain visitor friendly and snowmobile friendly. There is no valid proof that shows the use of snowmobile as a negative in the conservation of the park. If an activity is NOT a negative for the environment, then why to ban it? In my opinion, there are bigger fish to catch in the ocean sort of speak. Pollution from factories, automobiles, solid waste, etc. All these are real pollution problems we face in this nation; not the random use of snowmobiles by visitors at a national park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 749 **Comment Id:** 127061 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have lived in the greater Yellowstone area for over 10 years, back in the 70's and was even then appalled at the fights between skiers and snow mobiles. The machines terrified wildlife and crashed; requiring rescue and monitoring by NPS staff. The skiers wanted quiet groomed tracks and an outdoor experience that included listening for birds and nature noises. I was with one party of xc skiers where the tallest of us, a 6'5" guy, stood in the path of oncoming snowmobilers by making his

body into a giant "X" with his legs and arms outstretched, ski poles extended. He was a formidable sight even a long ways away. They steered very clear of us.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127386 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: First the snowmobiles pack the trails so the buffalo can leave the park. However, somehow magically the snow coaches don't?????

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127388 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Wildlife stress? On what planet can 318 or 1000 new or old technology snowmobiles create more wildlife stress, pollution or any of the other claimed travesties than 7,000 cars per day in the summer???

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127081 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 3. Wildlife- We were told by both snowcoach guides that we needed to keep away from the animals, and the guides were very good at adhering to that restriction. Also the animals appear habituated to the snow vehicles, because they did not flee animals when the vehicles went by.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim VandenBerg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 735 **Comment Id:** 127045 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It's unfortunate, but not all members of the public, nor apparently every local guide, can be trusted to follow the rules. When people are off on their own, they can do as they please. The large groups of snowmobiles that I have witnessed in years past, not only ruined our experience with

extreme sound and air pollution, they endangered the animals. We often saw tracks of snowmobiles going off-road to chase animals, or saw large snowmobile groups surrounding them on the road, causing stress that in summer might be annoying, but in winter could be the difference between life and death for the animal.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary M Hogg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127946 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have first hand experience with snowmobiles and wildlife. Wildlife does not feel threatened by the sound of a snowmobile, if the rider is responsible and slowly rides in the other direction or slowly passes by animals they seem to except riders as welcome visitors. Helicopters and low flying plains seem to disturb wildlife more than any snowmobile I have encountered.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1274 **Comment Id:** 128190 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowmobiles also provide a packed surface for the buffalo and other animals to walk on that allows the animals to move around more easily in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1272 **Comment Id:** 128187 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Such a small amount of people snowmobile that I couldn't believe it makes that big of an impact. Maybe I'm wrong but I can't imagine that any animals are killed or driven from their home by the snowmobilers who travel there each year. More animals probably get hit by tourists' cars who are traveling there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1271 **Comment Id:** 128184 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The argument of snowmobiles scaring wildlife is ridiculous when the same animals are accustomed to more and larger vehicles in the summer.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Travis Roddel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 58 **Comment Id:** 129461 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: National Park Service biologists have cautioned that if vehicle numbers are allowed to increase from their recent, reduced levels, adverse impacts to winter-stressed wildlife may increase and cause "fitness effects," reducing animals' health and the strength they require to survive Yellowstone's winters.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127616 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: ...I don't understand how the greatly reduced number of people who visit in the winter could have the negative impact we are to believe, that these fewer numbers have a higher impact on wildlife & air quality as opposed to the thousands & tens of thousands that visit in the summer..unfortunately there will always be those whom can't follow the rules just as there is in everything, those are the few who ruin it for those of us who can. Yellowstone was made a national park for ALL to enjoy, not constricted to just summer visitors & to the wealthy to enjoy in the winter, that is the way it is headed at present time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127790 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There are more buffalo in the park now then there has been in years. They are having to shoot them because they are moving out of the park. Obviously they are not being bothered by the snowmobiles.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 882 **Comment Id:** 127575 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I see snowmobilers approach the wildlife - even dangerous encounters. The wildlife deserves peace and quiet at least 5 months a year

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Karen Ososki **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1201 **Comment Id:** 126406 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The animals are not disturbed to any extent by sledders as I have numerous photos taken over 40 years with unconcerned bison, elk, etc. standing totally at ease next to snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1200 **Comment Id:** 126335 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Animals are no more startled by a snowmobile than they are by a car or a natural predator. If the animals were not comfortable in that region, they would naturally migrate to areas more suitable. You see it all the time as housing and community growth forces animals to relocate. I do not see anything in the park system forcing animals to do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128142 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and snowcoaches both disrupt the purpose and need of the park by destroying soundscapes, polluting the air, disturbing non-motorized users and stressing wildlife. Though much of the park is un-roaded wilderness, the sound and air pollution from motorized vehicles travels beyond the confines of the roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 869 **Comment Id:** 127540 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand concerns about stressing animals in the winter months, but I did not notice any stress on the part of the elk, eagles, swans, buffalo, or coyotes that we were witness to on our trip. They seemed quite oblivious of us as we took our photos from a "safe" distance. The depth of the snow made it impossible for people to approach them as I have witnessed foolish and inconsiderate people doing in the summer months. I love the Park and I thank you for giving me this opportunity to address my wants and concerns.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 756 **Comment Id:** 127073 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have come to believe that snowmobiles have little place in the Park other than as rescue vehicles for the Park Service. I say that having enjoyed riding snowmobiles in the Rockies in Colorado on several occasions. But these trips were guided tours on Forest Service trails that were not on National Park land and not in critical habitat areas. My point is that winter recreation in the Park must take into consideration the unique circumstances of Yellowstone. We as a people are charged with protecting this exquisite piece of the world. Its flora and fauna are our responsibility. The survival of a harsh Yellowstone winter is difficult enough for the quadrupeds without the unnecessary expenditure of vital energy needed to vacate the premises when snowmobiles are in the area.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Randy L McAllister **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1233 **Comment Id:** 126509 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles have been entering Yellowstone for over 40 years with no impact anywhere near the damage being done by wolves to wild life. Animal numbers continued to expand during most of the period. The beauty was as magnificent in the later years as in the beginning.

Organization: Interested Voter

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 314 **Comment Id:** 126427 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The snowmobiles are led by a guide and go on the trails at a proper speed. They do not upset or disturb the wildlife. The motorcycles do not follow the rules of the road and are extremely noisy. Especially those who add the "pipes" for noise. Autos speed and kill animals. It would be nice to have shuttles so less traffic, speeding and pollution were present in summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Horan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 996 **Comment Id:** 128160 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We as snowmobilers do not damage where we enjoy the ride. Animals and other creatures are not threatened and as in other cases where "activists" have caused our rights to be impinged upon they have been woefully WRONG

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127018 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: They frighten and chase wildlife when animals need to conserve their energy in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 988 **Comment Id:** 128153 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The Park Rangers and tree huggers that want to study the impact that snowmobiles have on Buffalo, Elk, Wolves and any other of God's creatures by shooting them with tranquilizer darts and putting them down to place collars on them to track them and take blood samples might want to rethink who's placing extra stress on the animals.

Organization:

Commenter: Todd L Pettit **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1331 **Comment Id:** 128771 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My experience with the wildlife in the park while driving is that they pay little or no attention to cars or buses.

Organization:

Commenter: BRIAN M ATHEARN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 744 **Comment Id:** 127057 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Let's give the Park and the wildlife a few months rest. At 80 years old, I can no longer climb all the hills which I would like to do or hike to the bottom of the many beautiful canyons. The Park cannot accommodate all my age related infirmities. And I don't expect it to do so. The Park cannot be all things to all people. Protect the Park and its wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Willaim G Hayward **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 416 **Comment Id:** 128575 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: The wildlife are also shown to be adversely affected (stressed) by snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1133 **Comment Id:** 127957 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: the snowmobiles give benefits to the wintering animals as well, they pack down the trails so bison, elk, moose, etc, don't have to sit in one spot in the deep snow, they can get out on the trail, feed on the foliage along the trail and move effortlessly up and down them which will help retain every bit of fat reserves and energy they have to ensure survival in the bitter cold mountains.

Organization: Michigan United Conservation Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 847 **Comment Id:** 127429 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please protect the wildlife of yellowstone, our most treasured national resource, from the noise associated with snowmobiles. Plenty of scientific studies have indicated the negative effects

of such activities on wildlife. There are plenty of places to snowmobile. Not many places to go enjoy the peace and quiet of such a wonderful landscape.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127408 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Wildlife and habitat will always be affected with public visitation, bison cross the roads all year long. I have seen about 30 wolves in the last two winters in the park some as close as 20 yards away, and they aren't worried about us at all! Coyotes tend to put on a mousing show for the groups or shy away to farther hunting grounds. I know of a couple of incidents involving coyotes getting conditioned to human contact. The elk will happily stand within feet on the road while traffic of any type passes. The eagles will perch for pictures on the river or fly over us as we drive down the road. Even the bob-cats or Lynx make an occasional showing

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 208 **Comment Id:** 126706 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There are also several species that are affected by increased winter traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 120 **Comment Id:** 127007 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The wildlife and vegetation should be protected.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127445 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow coach visits are less expensive, provide a quieter experience for visitors, pollute the air less, and less distracting to park wildlife. As a result, visitors are experiencing a quieter,

cleaner Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127826 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Not once did I feel a sense that the wildlife was being stressed. There is no connection, in terms of danger, between the snowmobiler and wildlife. If anything I felt somewhat in danger when several huge Bison stood right in the middle of the snowmobile path and wouldn't move. We patiently waited and moved on. Wolves probably create more stress to the park animals than we do.

Organization: myself

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126727 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Scientific studies have proven that the Bison continue to use traditional routes along the rivers rather than the plowed roads. The Bison that frequent the geyser areas do use the roads from time to time, from my experience the park rangers often speed around Bison and tourists on snowmobiles waiting for them to get off the roads way causing more risk that the cautious visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 207 **Comment Id:** 126708 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches also reduce disruption to wildlife and provide safer access to wildlife than snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127075 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I find it outrageous that snowmobiles are allowed into Yellowstone National Park.

Although I have been to Yellowstone only about a half dozen times in the winter, each time without exception I observed snowmobilers harassing the bison. The drivers were loud, and pushing the bison off the groomed roads. In some cases, they were racing the bison. The exhaust from these loud, polluting machines is offensive and unhealthy.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127890 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Its pretty hard to say you know all the effects on the environment and animals when you have NEVER been out to see their reactions and the effect that snowmobiling has on them which is minimal at best

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 514 **Comment Id:** 126462 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The noise snowmobiles make, plus, the pollution and the negative affect on the Park wildlife, makes these recreation vehicles unsuitable to an environment that should remain clean and as pristine as possible.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126947 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The descendants of the last 23 bison are a treasure in need of specially strong protection.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126948 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The use of snowmobiles in the park should be outlawed because the disturbance they

create interferes with bison survival as well as that of other animals.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1092 **Comment Id:** 127837 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a NATIONAL PARK and should be enjoyed by all. I look at all the damage done by the 1988 (LET IT BURN) fires and what snowmachines do to the park and it's wildlife shouldn't even be an issue. Yellowstones wildlife have adapted to tourism, ever since Yellowstone opened, and it is a way of life, for them and they aren't bothered by all the action the Park brings.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 642 **Comment Id:** 126770 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone deserves to have stillness during the trying winter months so wildlife clinging so precariously to life at this time can survive the extremes of cold and snow. Certainly snowmobiles roaring through the forest trails impinge on the whole idea of a forest preserve for survival during the crucial winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: Nancy C Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 680 **Comment Id:** 126850 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand there will be a significant livelihood that will be lost for the local folks but man the wildlife might just rejoice

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1515 **Comment Id:** 128394 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The original complaint was that buffalo were following the snowmobile trails out of

the Park. That was proven to be false. The pollution cry and the stress-to-animals cry, quite frankly is a crock (someone has an agenda).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 412 **Comment Id:** 128508 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I truly believe the impact on wildlife in the winter is minimal. If folks are truly concerned about the wildlife just have them go in the park on a summer day. Any concerns about limited winter use will be gone if these folks are open minded at all.

Organization:

Commenter: mark d lindy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 766 **Comment Id:** 127972 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As far as the "noise" being stressful to the animals, I have personally witnessed bison laying on the side of the road where road construction machinery is in operation, right next to them. Didn't seem to bother them! They weren't going to move.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbett M Ott **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 201 **Comment Id:** 126518 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What is important to me is the impact on the animals. They use any of the roads, ski trails, etc., so that they can minimize their efforts to travel over snow. More cars (or snowmobiles) would be very disruptive to their welfare. Can you imagine them constantly being spooked and having to navigate the plowed drifts to get off the roads? They already cannot migrate out of the Park in winter because of human uses so a number of species are "stuck" spending winter at the higher elevations and colder temperatures of the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1659 **Comment Id:** 129975 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobiles do not put unreasonable stress on wildlife. Numerous studies have shown that wildlife are more stressed and "fear flight" far more often by the sudden unannounced presence of approaching humans on foot (cross-country ski/snow-shoe recreationists) than they do by the well observed appearance of snowmobilers. Snowmobilers can be heard by ungulates at a greater distance than non-motorized users can be heard, which in turn gives wildlife ample opportunities to calmly move off trails into nearby denser vegetation, thus avoiding last minute "fear flight" as when startled by the sudden unannounced presence of non-motorized users which are perceived by ungulates as predators.

Organization: Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA)

Commenter: Ken Salo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128872 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The main impacts on wildlife are the potential effects on bison and elk. The NPS believes that the impact on populations of bison and elk is no "moderate or greater adverse effects to natural abundances, diversities, dynamics, distributions, habitats, and behaviors," while acknowledging that individual animals may suffer significant impacts due to displacement and behavioral/physiological effects. Under the Proposed Rule, the impacts on other species such as lynx and wolverine as "negligible, adverse, short term." Impacts to the bald eagle and swan would similarly be "negligible to moderate, adverse, short-term." Further, frequent problems have been documented as a result of unsafe snowmobile use around bison where the bison were often pushed off roadways. Wolverines have abandoned their dens presumably as a result of human disturbance of the areas in which the dens lie . Fish, reptiles and amphibians were historically considered to be in danger due to water pollution from toxins released into the snow and the subsequent snowmelt. Given the NPS mandates, we believe that the NPS should develop a long term Winter Use Plan disallowing the use of snowmobiles in the Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129132 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What park resources and values do you believe are most important and which of these should guide development of the winter use plan? The park resources and values are the most important to our membership: healthy ecosystems that protect special ecosystems for future generations; spectacular scenic areas where the vistas remain pristine while also being accessible to the public; healthy wildlife populations that are managed so resources are properly sustained and not overburdened; ability for public access to provide a full range of visitor experiences (remote to developed); and road systems that are properly maintained so they provide safe and reasonable public

access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127875 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In addition, only 7% of the wildlife showed much reaction. The second, and perhaps most important point,(and not covered in the report) populations of elk and buffalo are healthy even after the reintroduction of wolves and the killing of buffalo that wander into Montana. If wildlife populations are healthy, I do not see how snowmobiles can be thought to compromise the natural ecological functioning of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1397 **Comment Id:** 128470 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The road is busy and noisy but I still value the experience having seen wolves a few yards from the road and the thousands of elk and bison. No animal on the north end seems too upset about the highway and the traffic!

Organization:

Commenter: Kent Dyet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1397 **Comment Id:** 128476 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My experience from driving many times from Mammoth to Cooke City is that the road is not disruptive to the wildlife. In fact, my position is that the north road is more of a problem than the snowmobile trails. I argue that the snowmobiles cause the animals no more anxiety than the road to Cooke City. I have had to stop my snowmobile because a buffalo would not move off the trail. It didn't seem much stressed to me, at least not by the snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kent Dyet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 945 **Comment Id:** 127483 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The animals have never seemed to be bothered by the snowmobiles. In fact, we couldn't even get an elk to look up at us to take a picture at Mammoth. We have had bison walk right along side our sleds in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen M Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129463 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Ms. Lewis, The purpose of this letter is to express my support of continued use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. Today's snowmobiles are cleaner and quieter than in years past and promise to become even more environmentally friendly. There is no negative impact to the environment. I live in far northern Wisconsin in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and have been snowmobiling here for more than 40 years. There have been no negative impacts to the forest ecosystem because of snowmobiling. The same is true for Yellowstone. The season is short, the number of snowmobilers is minimal, and the adverse affects are non-existent.

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129308 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The YNP's resources of wildlife and public health need to be protected as the top priority.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129313 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Spewing pollution around the YNP, even with better engines than previously, is still a violation of the tenets of national parks. And requiring YNP wildlife and workers to be exposed to this pollution is unconscionable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128952 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles have a negative impact on air quality in the Parks, and have a negative impact on Park wildlife.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 408 **Comment Id:** 126796 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Us highway 191 and the road from Gardner to Cooke city is open now without an inordinate amount of negative effects on wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Bruce W Jeffs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1497 **Comment Id:** 128504 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If the road is plowed and private vehicles are allowed, wildlife will suffer. During summer wildlife roams freely throughout their preferred habitat. When visitors leave their cars and follow animals into the forest for a better look or photograph, the wildlife keeps moving unimpeded further and further from the roadway to escape the pursuing public. The Madison River corridor is a fairly narrow defile through volcanic lava flows and is home to possibly the only non-migratory elk herd in the country. These elk winter in arguably the harshest conditions of any elk herd in North America. During winter the escape routes allowing elk to move away from danger such as uneducated tourists are blocked by deep snows. To escape public harassment, the elk expend tremendous amounts of critical energy moving through the deep snows to reach protected areas. These protected areas are not prime habitat and do not support the forage types necessary for the elk to survive the winter, so they soon move back again to the preferred river corridor. Currently guides educate their clients to the hardships of wintering wildlife and appropriate viewing techniques that do not disturb the animals. Guides partner with park service personnel in protecting the resource during this extremely critical time of year helping to insure the visitor opportunity to appropriately experience and be inspired by Yellowstone's unique winter resources and values. Since they started doing population counts on this elk herd in the early 1960's, it has remained quite stable at around 600 animals \pm 200. Since the reintroduction of wolves, the herd has plummeted to fewer than 100 individuals. If the general public is allowed private, winter vehicular access through the West Entrance these elk, already a population of concern, will become more stressed by uninformed visitors and perhaps will suffer losses that should be unacceptable to Park managers.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott D Carsley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1497 **Comment Id:** 128509 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Wildlife, especially the nomadic bison utilize the groomed roads when it benefits their travel. In the springtime as soon as the roads are plowed the pavement acts as a magnet for wandering bison. As soon as the roads are plowed, it is uncanny how many more bison move to and travel on the plowed road surface compared to the groomed road surface. Plowing the roads throughout the winter will only compound the issue of animal ? vehicle interactions, making travel more dangerous for park visitors, more difficult for wheeled vehicles to pass the slow moving bison making for unsafe situations, and more stressful to the animals already in a critical time of year as they are surrounded by impatient, uninformed drivers. This is a formula for trouble creating an environment prime for increasing the risks of automobile accidents, personal and animal injury.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott D Carsley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126989 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Greater traffic-related pressure on wildlife because snowmobiles require a vehicle for every one or two visitors. National Park Service biologists have cautioned that if vehicle numbers are allowed to increase from their recent, reduced levels, adverse impacts to winter-stressed wildlife may increase and cause "fitness effects," reducing animals' health and the strength they require to survive Yellowstone's winters.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128724 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Wildlife are not threatened by oversnow travel anymore than with automobile travel on the same roadway. There have been various studies done thru the years to document this fact. I do not have them, but I know that you do.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1591 **Comment Id:** 129918 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Plowing the West Side Roads: There seems to be a growing amount of interest in plowing the west side roads (West Yellowstone to Old Faithful, as well as Old Faithful to Mammoth) to provide wheeled vehicle access versus over-snow access on these roads. Because of this growing interest, we believe it is necessary that an alternative fairly and properly consider this concept - otherwise it would seem this process could be open for a legal challenge on yet one more issue. It has been interesting to watch this renewed discussion unfold. Advocates for plowing the road cite the loss of affordable access and the loss of access by local residents - and argue that winter access by personal automobiles (not by commercial buses and vans) could help address fixing this issue. They're right, but only if private automobiles are allowed access. They also argue that road plowing is less expensive than road grooming. Again, we'd probably have to agree since we're involved with snowmobile trail grooming and know how expensive it really is. Opponents of plowing these roads cite the difficulty of keeping the roads open in adverse weather conditions -but are these roads really any more difficult to maintain in winter conditions than the road already being plowed through Lamar Valley or the state highways leading to the various gates? We think not. And if conditions are too bad, we're all used to road closures until winter driving conditions improve -so road closures in the Park wouldn't be any different or a new thing since the Park already institutes winter closures to over-snow vehicles. Conservation groups argue that "unfettered access for autos is not compatible with the best interests of the animals" in some parts of the Park. Really - why would it be any different than the Lamar Valley which is a winter wildlife haven even with the road plowed? They also state that road plowing would create a snow berm that would prevent animal movements. But the way the Park grooms its snow roads already creates a snow berm alongside roads that animals seem to negotiate - plus there are snow plowing techniques that can minimize the height of a snow berm. Yet other groups argue that plowing the roads would destroy the snowmobile industry on the west side of the Park. But our observation is that the snowmobile industry has already been gutted - back in 2004 when the '100% BAT and commercially guided' rules were instituted -and is simply dying a slow death.

Organization: California - Nevada Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Fred Wiley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 999 **Comment Id:** 128163 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think it would be a travesty to see Yellowstone closed to snowmobile traffic. The city of West Yellowstone and others that count on tourism from winter traffic for their livelihood would die. I feel that the National Parks are for our enjoyment and the preservation of our wildlife and wilderness . . . with today's modern technology and advancements in the snowmobile industry the negative effects on wilderness and wildlife are practically non-existent.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128297 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I also believe that with grooming the trail (road), it helps the animals as well. The animals will not have to work as hard to survive in a harsh winter trying to find food or to get from place to place. I don't think the ranchers in the area like this idea, but not too long ago, the buffalo were an endangered species, with a groomed road, and no hunting, the buffalo have rebounded well. Maybe some other animals have as well. I have seen many, many times, deer using our snowmobile trails here in Minnesota to move from place to place, simply because it is much easier, just as we ourselves would do if we had to trudge through the snow.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126832 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowcoaches provide comfortable, minimally invasive access to the interior of the park. The snow mobiles are loud, noisy, polluting and extremely disruptive of the migration paths of the various animals in the park. As Yellowstone Park is the most complete eco-system in the lower 48, can't we please do what's right for the asset?

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1495 **Comment Id:** 128517 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The running of snowmobiles on park roads during winter just for the thrill of the ride is totally inappropriate, as it violates the character of the place just as an ATV would be inappropriate in a Church during a Service. It constitutes a danger to wildlife due to the stress it places upon them when they need to conserve their energies just for survival. It creates roadways that are used by buffalo to exit the park, resulting in their extermination.

Organization:

Commenter: Allen J Monroe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 666 **Comment Id:** 126810 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the Park Service coming around to curtailing noisy, air-polluting snowmobiles in Yellowstone. They are an anomaly. They interfere with wildlife, they are expensive, they are inconvenient for the riders and for others.

Organization:

Commenter: Grant W Barnard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1457 **Comment Id:** 128999 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team: I have been a snowmobile guide in Yellowstone Park for the last 16 years which I believe gives me a perspective different from most. The use of BAT sleds and the end to unlimited private access has certainly made YNP a more pleasant winter experience. I firmly believe that a choice of transportation modes (snowcoach Vs. Snowmobiles) is an essential freedom of choice that visitors should be allowed to make. Snowmobiling allows visitors to experience winter on a personal level as opposed to looking at it out a window. Current research indicates that the impacts between the two types of transportation are negligible. Let us put opinions and preconceived viewpoints aside and look at the facts. My personal experience is that in many respects snowmobiles are much more able to navigate around Bison in a less invasive manner than much larger snowcoaches including the Big Yellow bus.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Trumbower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129272 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A focus of past winter use planning processes is what type of oversnow motorized recreational use should be permitted in YNP. Over time, as the NPS has reduced the daily number of snowmobiles and snowcoaches allowed to enter YNP through daily cap limits, the impacts of these machines on air quality, wildlife, and the soundscape have declined as compared to the impacts that were present when oversnow motorized vehicles were unregulated. This is both a product of reduced numbers, the requirement for cleaner/quieter machines, and the imposition of a guiding requirement. These changes have all represented steps in the right direction but since oversnow motorized recreational use is still permitted impacts continue; impacts that would not exist if such use were to be further cut back or confined or eliminated altogether.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129278 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Though there is scientific dispute over the significance of the packed/groomed roads in regard to their impact on bison movements, distribution, habitat use patterns, and ecology, there is no question that: 1) bison and other wildlife use the packed/groomed roads as travel corridors; 2)

bison/wildlife use of the packed/groomed roads is not limited to the Madison Junction to Norris road corridor; 3) that use of the packed/groomed roads requires a reduced expenditure of energy compared to movement through unpacked snow or other substrates. This third point has not been empirically tested though for anyone who has spent any time in snow, it is entirely logical to assume that it requires less energy to travel on a packed/groomed snow surface than in powder. Where there is a significant divergence of opinion is how significantly does bison (or other wildlife) use of the packed/groomed snow roads influence their distribution, movements, habitat use patterns, survival/mortality and overall ecology. While Dr. Mary Meagher has provided considerable evidence that such impacts are real, significant, and have been affecting the ecology of park bison for decades, Gates et al. suggest that increasing bison density is the trigger for range expansion and that YNP bison would expand their range independent of whether packed/groomed roads exist.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129279 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As indicated in the 2007 comment letter (attached), Gates et al. failed to consider some important factors in their analysis. Those factors included bioenergetics, bison social and foraging behavior, the ability of bison to learn of alternative wintering destinations, how the unique geothermal conditions in YNP influence bison ecology, and how packed/groomed roads have influenced bison ecology over time. There is no need to revisit those issues here since they are adequately addressed in the attachment though it must be noted that none of these deficiencies, including the bioenergetic issue which is of particular relevance given the harsh winter conditions typical of YNP, have been subject to credible, if any, analysis in any of the previous EISs. Simply put, while AWI does not question that bison can and do create their own travel paths/corridors and that they do use stream bottoms to traverse portions of the Yellowstone landscape, there is an energetic consequence to bison movements, particularly in the winter when many animals, including bison, live on the energetic edge of survival or death. As a consequence, with the availability of a packed/groomed road system, bison (and other wildlife) have the opportunity to use that system as a travel corridor and, by doing so, they can save energy that could not have been saved if such a system did not exist. This may correspond to survival versus death or the ability to carry a fetus to term versus abortion or fetal absorption. The impact of bison use of the packed/groomed road surface in regard to the bioenergetics of individual animals is just one of a myriad indirect impacts of the packed/groomed road system that needs to be seriously reexamined in the EIS.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1302 **Comment Id:** 128603 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am in favor of keeping access for snowmobiles to our park. There is much evidence that wildlife is not negatively affected by snowmobiles. In fact there is evidence they benefit from the

trails as a means to move from one feeding area to another.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 126926 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We are very concerned about the lack of sufficient care for the great wildlife that once abounded in this region.

Organization: Defenders of Wildlife

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1298 **Comment Id:** 128238 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've been through the park now three times in the winter. Back in 2000 was my first trip through the park. Wolves weren't that big in the park yet at that time like they are now. In 2000 we seen hundreds of elk and bison that year. They didn't even care if us snowmobilers were even present at the time. They just kept going on with there business we stayed on our snowmobiles and snapped a few pictures and were on our way. Fast forward to this winter of 2010 when i went through to the park and we hardly seen any wildlife to speak of. We maybe seen a dozen elk and few bison. So to say that snowmobiles are harmful to the wildlife is not true. The biggest danger to elk and bison herds are the wolves not snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian Kassner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128657 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In announcing the opening of public scoping for Yellowstone's long-term winter use plan and environmental impact statement, Director Jarvis established an objective that is critical to the success of this process. According to the Director, the "clear goal" of the agency's present effort is "a winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park consistent with the NPS mission, best available sound science, accurate fidelity to the law, and the long-term public interest." (Scoping News Release.) We applaud this standard and urge the National Park Service to undertake a rigorous environmental analysis with the purpose and objective of identifying such a sustainable plan.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1488 **Comment Id:** 128181 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please restrict the uses of oversnow vehicles because the noise and air pollution ruins the wilderness experience and disturbs sensitive wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 983 **Comment Id:** 128141 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have snowmobiled in the park for the last 5 or 6 years and witnessed no harm to either the animals or the environment from snowmobiles. (2) Snowmobiles are an excellent method of getting close to nature's winter wilderness.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 975 **Comment Id:** 128081 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The animals are not greatly affected by the snowmobiles. The groomed roads are not detrimental to the wildlife or the environment. This just seems to be a way to eliminate people from the area because someone doesn't like them being there.

Organization:

Commenter: David Holbrook **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 279 **Comment Id:** 127654 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Our national parks, and especially Yellowstone, are unique wildlife refuges and the inclusion of snowmobiles threatens the quality of that refuge.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 802 **Comment Id:** 127179 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have seen bison hazed by people on snowmobiles -- this is just unacceptable.

Organization:

Commenter: Jeanne E Leske **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 795 **Comment Id:** 127169 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park on almost an annual basis for over 20 years. This year I extended my visits to include the winter. I drove to Mammoth Springs and over to Cook City, I snowmobiled from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and Canyon Village. This was my most memorable trip in those 20 years and why the national parks were created, "provide for the use and enjoyment" of the parks for current and future generations. All over-snow activity was very controlled with minimal impact on the environment. I make this assessment from my observations of the wild life on our tours. Buffalo and Elk just 25 to 50 yard off the road never even looked up as we passed. In addition it has been my personal experience that a very large percentage of the visitors never leave a very narrow corridor of the park roads, which leave the majority of the park undisturbed by visitors both summer and winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 719 **Comment Id:** 126993 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Although I was disappointed that we couldn't see a natural occurrence, far greater was my concern for the coyote. Snowmobiles were allowing people to interfere with a natural process that had the potential to cause the death of a wild animal. During winter, many animals live on the brink of survival. How thoughtless to have human curiosity trump an animal's need for food. We can't change human nature, but we can minimize people's ability to access places where they should not go or should look on from a distance.

Organization: GYC; NPCA; NRDC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1578 **Comment Id:** 129882 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Wildlife: The Park's own bison study (Gates, Stelfox) found no significant impacts on migration patterns from plowing or grooming. The Park also has adequate experience in the Northern Range on the effect of plowing on elk or bison, and the interaction of personal vehicles and

commercial tours with wildlife. There is nothing in any current Park studies to suggest that plowing has been any problem in the Northern Range. The Northern Range has the greatest concentration of elk and bison in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglas Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 960 **Comment Id:** 127628 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: - The regulation should be allowed to lapse because of the adverse impacts to wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 958 **Comment Id:** 127862 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe that the current snowmobiles are no more a threat to the environment than the thousands of cars that are present in the park during the summer. The animals did not seem any more disturbed by our presence than they were by the snow coaches. In fact, it seemed to me that the people on snowmobiles were the most well-informed and respectful of all the visitors I encountered in the park

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 553 **Comment Id:** 126824 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Another terrible FACT is the number of bison that use the groomed trails to leave the Park and enter Montana only to be slaughtered. I well remember about 10 years ago when over 50% of the Park's Bison were killed when they left the safety of the Park and walked into Montana.

Organization: N/A

Commenter: Gerald Hannelly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 553 **Comment Id:** 126828 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As a year-round resident of the Greater Yellowstone area I get a firsthand view of how much stress is placed on the animals under the best of winter conditions. When a harsh winter arrives with well below zero temperatures and snow accumulations measured in feet, the last thing these animals need is to be chased and harassed by snowmobilers riding by them.

Organization: N/A

Commenter: Gerald Hannelly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1375 **Comment Id:** 128566 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: During my many adventures into Yellowstone I have not witnessed any difference in the way wildlife reacts, or doesn't react, to my presence regardless of the vehicle I am using. I believe most wildlife in Yellowstone are so accustomed to seeing people and vehicles of every description they could care less when they pass by.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1375 **Comment Id:** 128567 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is important and only fair that all entrances into Yellowstone be open to provide equal economic or recreational opportunities to all gateway community businesses, residents and visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 917 **Comment Id:** 127354 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: believe the rules limiting to commercial guides for snowmobiles should be amended. We rode in a slowcoach & viewed the bison walking as though the snowmobiles & slowcoaches weren't even there

Organization:

Commenter: Dave Bower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 763 **Comment Id:** 127087 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park should be open for all to enjoy, not just those that can afford expensive concessioner operated options. While I'm sure there is concern for stress on wildlife caused by increased usage during the winter, I can't believe the impact would be that great on animals conditioned to human encounters during the busy summer season. The portion of the park impacted by wheeled vehicle travel in the winter would be very small.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1688 **Comment Id:** 130290 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: EPA also compliments the NPS's full commercial guiding requirement for snowcoach and snowmobile visitors, which has proven critical to protecting resources and improving visitor experiences. The guiding requirement has greatly reduced the occurrence of visitors operating vehicles unsafely, outside of authorized routes or in a manner that harasses wildlife. Much of Yellowstone's wildlife is concentrated in lower elevation areas of the park during the winter months ? the very same areas where winter motorized use is concentrated. The NPS has recognized the critical importance of minimizing the frequency of disturbance for winter wildlife and implemented strict vehicle limits and guide requirements to significantly reduce the historic stresses. Given the demonstrated success of the guiding requirement, EPA recommends it be included in this future plan.

Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency

Commenter: Larry Svoboda **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129149 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In conclusion, I believe that the dual goals of public access and preservation have been achieved by the winter use policies of the past 7 years. That is to say, the guided snowmobile system has proven to be a fair and effective solution. It would be responsible of us to keep in mind that during the past 7 years the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful has experienced unprecedented wildlife activity which has included a regular wolf and bobcat presence viewed by hundreds of people. It would seem that the wildlife itself shares my conclusion.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127012 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park several times during winter months, and each time I have been shocked and disgusted at the blatant disregard for the welfare of the wildlife, especially the Bison.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127013 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Without exception, snowmobilers have pushed the Bison off the paths, sometimes (often) causing them to run. The snowmobilers in general get great pleasure from this cruel practice as demonstrated by their actions, their laughing, and high five signs when they do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127014 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Aside from wildlife harassment, the pollution is unbearable.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129361 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Another part of the scoping document that has been under attack by litigation from environmental groups is the affect of snowmobiles on wildlife. The issue of wildlife disturbance by snowmobiles has been one of the main reasons for groups like the GYC to oppose snowmobiles in the Park. The fact is that heart monitors were placed on elk in the Park and flight distances and heart rates were recorded when elk were approached by snowmobiles and cross-country skiers. The results of the survey clearly revealed that cross-country skiers were much more disturbing to elk than snowmobiles. Flight distances and heart rates were much lower when elk were approached by snowmobiles versus cross-country skiers. This study is valid yet your agency makes no attempt to limit cross-country skiers from areas that have elk present.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129369 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In summary, I have mentioned that wildlife is disturbed by non-motorized more than motorized as supported by true scientific studies. I have seen no information that reflects any animal mortality from snow coach or snowmobile collisions.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128644 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches reduce disruption to wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 665 **Comment Id:** 126807 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The negative impact of snowmobiles on wildlife is substantial, especially considering the many sub-zero days and nights.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1156 **Comment Id:** 128062 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Wildlife protection ? wildlife is at its most vulnerable in winter. Loud noises have a huge impact, often making animals move off roads they are walking on, and otherwise expending valuable energy in this critical season.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1278 **Comment Id:** 128202 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Such motor vehicles are cleaner than they have ever been and allow animals to hear them and not scare them as compared to an individual walking silently approaching which may scare an animal.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1108 **Comment Id:** 127883 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The one thing I have always been amazed with in all my years of living amid creatures in nature is that they have a natural morbid fear of humans. Not the vehicles they arrived in or on, but the humans themselves. In fact many nature dwellers have found ways of using motorized transport to their advantage, ie. roadside ditches with planted grass and cutlines through forests, packed trails through the snow and of course the endless amounts of refuse left behind by all humans that would provide sustenance for most scavengers that would seek it out.

Organization:

Commenter: Craig s Gudmundson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 138 **Comment Id:** 127578 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We have taken the snowcoaches from West Yellowstone and find them to be a wonderful way to experience the wonders of Yellowstone NP. Let us transition YNP in the winter from the noisy snowmobiles to snowcoaches. The wildlife and other visitors will thank you for this decision.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1270 **Comment Id:** 126596 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Do people realize as the snow gets deep in the park that the animals actually use the trails where the snowmobiles have been. The snowmobiles are actually helping the animals, they don't have to exert as much energy when able to walk on a trail versus plowing through 2+ feet of snow. This helps the animals with overall health so they are not as stressed when looking for food.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 162 **Comment Id:** 128389 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In order to preserve the quiet and solitude of Yellowstone in winter, the park should go to a snowcoach-only policy. This would minimize traffic, noise, pollution and impacts to wildlife while providing access to the park throughout the winter months to people of all ages.

Organization: gyc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 915 **Comment Id:** 127401 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date had advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscapes. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines

Organization:

Commenter: Carol M Gisselquist **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 727 **Comment Id:** 127031 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There's no reason to distress the animals during the starvation season.

Organization:

Commenter: Fletcher Chouinard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 332 **Comment Id:** 126544 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I know not all operators of snowmobiles follow the designated trails. That is discouraging. I also fear that the animals are harassed by the noise. I fear snowmobiles must be threatening to the animals of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Law **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 491 **Comment Id:** 128856 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I strongly believe motorized access by visitors in Winter to most areas within Yellowstone National Park should be limited to snow coaches. While I can appreciate the desires of snowmobilers, I am concerned that large numbers of snowmobiles may tend to disturb and cause excessive stress to wildlife, and temptation of some to go off-trail may lead to damage or even injury. Such activity could also lead to a greater workload on Park Rangers and other staff members when staffs and budgets are already stretched.

Organization:

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AE21000 Affected Environment: Socioeconomics (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 428 **Comment Id:** 128610 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: My concerns are; should the numbers of snowmobiles/snowcoaches continue to decline, what then will then happen to the business people of West Yellowstone? How do they continue to put food on their tables. We are in a rocky state economically as it is. These winter businesses are already struggling and you want to take away more of their income.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 226 **Comment Id:** 128052 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Our winter economy has dwindled substantially since the first snowmobile regulations went into effect for the 2004 winter season. In 1986, the Town implemented the first 3% "Resort Tax" in the state. The numbers below clearly show the impact West Yellowstone felt due to the snowmobile regulations. Our winter tax collections have decreased from a high of \$588,344 for the Fiscal Year 2001 winter season to a low \$433,348 for the Fiscal Year 2005 winter season. Collections tend to fluctuate due to a variety of factors including snow conditions, publicity, and inflation, but there is no disputing the fact that the implementation of snowmobile regulations by the Park caused a major decrease in collections. If you average the three years preceding the regulations and the three years after the regulations, the average decrease due to the ban would is approximately \$100,000 per year-not accounting for inflation. This number equates to an average revenue decrease of the winter economy in West Yellowstone of \$3.3 million dollars per year! If you figure the difference between the highest year (2001) and the lowest year (2009) the difference equates to over \$5.5 million dollars in lost revenue for one year! December January February March April Total FY 1999 \$29,869 \$81,410 \$134,178 \$190,969 \$59,079 \$495,505 FY 2000 \$24,573 \$75,499 \$169,921 \$188,090 \$65,585 \$523,668 FY 2001 \$43,394 \$98,911 \$164,874 \$172,164 \$109,001 \$588,344 FY 2002 \$44,362 \$98,967 \$172,726 \$167,329 \$97,974 \$581,358 FY 2003 \$29,601 \$97,591 \$141,247 \$142,206 \$94,990

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Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Roos **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 226 **Comment Id:** 128050 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It currently costs over \$200 a day for an individual to take a tour into Yellowstone and it is no longer affordable for the average family. Comparatively, before the required guide service regulations went into effect, it only cost the average customer \$90-\$120 per day. Snowcoaches are not much better, cost nearly \$100 per person, and are cramped, noisy, inefficient, slow, and unpopular with the public.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Roos **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 226 **Comment Id:** 128051 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There is no question that the Town of West Yellowstone depends heavily on Yellowstone National Park for its economic survival. West Yellowstone has over 40 hotels/motels and approximately 2000 rooms. Billings and Missoula are the only cities in Montana that have more hotel rooms than West Yellowstone. Seven of the ten major taxpayers in the Town are hotel/motel accommodations. The Town also has over 40 eateries and restaurants to accommodate visitors to the Yellowstone area. West Yellowstone has developed as the major access point for Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Roos **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 253 **Comment Id:** 126910 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Maintain the main road and let visitors in the park during the winter. This will save

jobs in the park service and surrounding area.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 355 **Comment Id:** 126616 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: After a fourteen year wait, my husband and I were finally able to take a trip of a lifetime and tour Yellowstone on snowmobile. Being avid snowmobilers our tour guide informed us that the number of snowmobiles allowed in the park has been decreased. Before our trip, President Obama in his State of the Union Address, stated he wants more jobs held in the United States and talked about job creation. If the number of snowmobiles is decreasing isn't this taking jobs away? I was made aware the town of West Yellowstone used to be a very highlighted snowmobile town. Since the decrease of snowmobiles you have decreased the livelihood for these towns. These towns, businesses, snowmobile tour companies and guides all depend on people like my husband and I to come and view the beauty of Yellowstone National Park in the winter time. Our guide was excellent and I am very pleased with the tour company I chose, Old Faithful Snowmobile Tours. The sleds were in top condition abiding by all regulations including speed inside the park. Being educated about four stroke motors with their cleanliness and noise reduction I truly agree with these regulations.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 234 **Comment Id:** 127373 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Cost is a factor, and visiting in winter is expensive. Such costs could be lowered if snowcoaches can be made more efficient. This could be promoted with the NPS requiring higher prices to be charged for less efficient coaches (and this money part of the NPS fees, not bigger profits for violators). This should cause the traveling public to ride with outfits that have more efficient, and therefore cheaper, coaches, and promote the creation of greater efficiency.

Organization:

Commenter: Leslie J Quinn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 305 **Comment Id:** 126414 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider plowing the park road between West Yellowstone and Old Faithfull. Our family has often wanted to visit Yellowstone National Park in the winter during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. We were never able to afford the access costs and the flights/hotels, etc. If we were able to visit the park without having to pay so much for OTS transportation, we would be able to bring

our children and grandchildren

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 252 **Comment Id:** 126904 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My wife and I feel that the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful should be plowed in the winter. This would allow those who cannot afford the fees to enjoy the park in winter to be able to access it. It would also allow for an increase in winter business again for those who rely on the income to remain here in the winter.

Organization: WYSEF

Commenter: Byrns F Fagerburg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 248 **Comment Id:** 127343 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Plowing the roads would mean better business, now it doesn't pay to even be open. Plus many more people would be able to enjoy the slendors of Yellowstone in the winter

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 247 **Comment Id:** 127347 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Also, think about the small businesses that our country is trying to help! Many towns on the edge of Yellowstone need winter visitors to survive.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 135 **Comment Id:** 127565 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I have seen the changes that have taken place and have enjoyed the winter scenery in Yellowstone National Park until the changes took place to have a guide in order to go into the park. Now that is in place, I haven't been able to go in because we can't afford the cost for our family to.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 131 **Comment Id:** 127559 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I went to Old Faithful in the winter when I was a child, but have not been able to afford to take my child since the restrictions have been put on the park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Tara Bennett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 103 **Comment Id:** 126532 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In these tough economic times, there is a need to provide affordable access to Yellowstone. The best way to do this is to plow the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 335 **Comment Id:** 126567 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to comment on the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park. I am a resident of West Yellowstone (14 years), the Town Clerk for the Town of West Yellowstone (11 years), and I am married to the owner of a snowmobile rental business (14 years). The current winter use plan is useless. It favors a select group of businesses/permit holders who happened to be in the right place at the right time years ago. These businesses have abused the privilege to provide snowmobile guide services in Yellowstone National Park. It currently costs over \$200 a day for an individual to take a tour into Yellowstone and it is no longer affordable for the average family. Comparatively, before the required guide service regulations went into effect, it only cost the average customer \$90-\$120 per day. Snowcoaches are not much better, cost nearly \$100 per person, and are cramped, noisy, inefficient, slow, and unpopular with the public. There is no question that the Town of West Yellowstone depends heavily on Yellowstone National Park for its economic survival. West Yellowstone has over 40 hotels/motels and approximately 2000 rooms. Billings and Missoula are the only cities in Montana that have more hotel rooms than West Yellowstone. Seven of the ten major taxpayers in the Town are hotel/motel accommodations. The town also has over 40 eateries and restaurants to accommodate visitors to the Yellowstone area. West Yellowstone has developed as the major access point for Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Roos **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1448 **Comment Id:** 128972 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge you to keep Yellowstone open to Snowmobiles. Snowmobilers are good for the economy and keep many Yellowstone businesses alive in the Winter.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 26 **Comment Id:** 129477 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There are businesses in West Yellowstone, Montana that depend on winter tourism to keep them going. The businesses in Yellowstone Park also depend on winter tourism to keep them going until the big rush of summer tourism comes. By limiting the number of snowmobiles or snow coaches during the winter not only hurts the economy of local businesses, but it does not promote winter tourism for the Park service.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1048 **Comment Id:** 126291 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles in 2010 are some of the most efficient machines ever made. I understand limiting the number of sleds that enter the park is required and harassing the wildlife is unacceptable. Most of the people who are going to Yellowstone are family's, they provide 1000's of dollars to the local economy through out the winter. Also the national park would loose 1000's of dollars in Fee Demo money, the money goes directly back into the park, because of significantly lower number of visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul Koval **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 852 **Comment Id:** 127469 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: That's what the park is all about. The miniscule impact that exhaust has to the local environment is not a concern to the animals or local residents. The number of cars in the summer

should prove that. Plow the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. It's not to expensive when you consider the much larger number of users during the winter that plowing will create and the obvious benefit to the people of West Yellowstone Who are presently suffering greatly due to the cost and limited number of snow mobiles now allowed. The Park is there to be enjoyed by everyone....let them use it and enjoy it as they should. And make it so they can afford it. Not just the wealthy.... Thanks for listening to my concerns... Sincerely, Capt. Dennis Slaughter

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 747 **Comment Id:** 127060 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I love your park, and its history and the great accomplishments that have been made with wolf reintroduction that are bringing a balance back to the ecosystem. It's a special place. Let's re-train the local economy to lose it's perception that motorized visitors will always pay the bills.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 358 **Comment Id:** 126624 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family and myself are avid visitors to our National Parks, with all of our major holidays including several. Yellowstone is essentially in our own backyard, and so we visit it frequently. one thing we note is the special treatment that Yellowstone gets compared to most other National Parks: it effectively closes to the average park visitor in winter. Most parks allow a visitor to pay a nominal fee or buy an annual pass, as we always do, and then enjoy the wonders of our nation. However, in winter, Yellowstone becomes a destination only for those with more than average income to pay for a snowcoach or a guided snowmobile trip. This doesn't happen in any other major park in the west. In fact, most parks in the west have winter scenes prominently displayed in their visitor centers!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 939 **Comment Id:** 127455 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The expense related to renting a snowmobile and paying a guide is too great a burden for younger people like myself to bear. Snowmobiling in the park would be my first choice to see it, but, as stated the expense is too great. Further, the low number of snowmobiles allowed makes it hard to be able to plan and make reservations accordingly.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 851 **Comment Id:** 127462 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family has owned property in the community of West Yellowstone for 64 years. The current questions of access, back and forth judicial decisions, and negative publicity regarding winter use, snowmobile use, and access issues have had, and continue to have, an astounding negative effect on our local economy and community. The varied decisions over the last ten years have negatively affected job creation and retention, attracting and keeping year round families and a viable work force; numbers of students attending school and school funding; providing of emergency services, medical support and other necessary services, suppliers and vendors required for the millions of visitors that annually pass through the West gate. Our community has changed from a thriving vibrant winter destination to one with shuttered hotels, motels, restaurants and storefronts, a seasonal work force and large and significant decline in resort tax revenues. As you are aware from the NPS records, the numbers of visitors who have passed through the West gate during the 'winter season' has declined dramatically over the past ten years; since the inception of the varied 'winter use plans' which are constantly being challenged, involved in court actions, with wide spread negative and uninformed news coverage, and ever changing and uncertain. The current winter use plan allowing 318 snowmobiles and 84 snowcoaches admitted through ALL Park entrances, 160 being allowed through the West entrance, is not an economically viable or sustainable solution for the community of West Yellowstone or the Park as a whole. Our economy and community cannot be sustained at the current allowed number of 160 visitors per day through the West entrance during the winter season.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 851 **Comment Id:** 127463 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To support plowing the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and Mammoth and 365 days access: ACCESS TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE and AVAILABLE TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE PARK WAS CREATED. Under the current provisions of winter use, requirements of guided snowmobiles or snow coaches through licensed concessionaires, along with severely limited numbers being allowed admittance through the Park gates has resulted in the Park experience in the winter being available to and affordable for only an elite group. Costs to access Winter in Yellowstone for a family of 6 can easily approach \$1000 per day, not including lodging or food. There are not many families or individuals who have the means to afford this. With the current restrictions the Park Service is NOT meeting its mandate.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1377 **Comment Id:** 127209 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am in favor of plowing the road from West Yellowstone, Montana into Yellowstone National Park to Old Faithful. *Over the road travel by auto is already an accepted means on conveyance. *It removes the issue of pollution and noise concerns from snowmobiles by plowing for cars. *Travel by car allows for affordable access year-around. *Services available to visitors in the summer months become strained and limited if winter access is continued to be impeded. We have seen how the winter access issue has affected business in West Yellowstone very negatively. The lack of year-around visitation affects the West Yellowstone tax base.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1096 **Comment Id:** 127849 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I recognize, as I am sure you do, that there will always be pressure exerted from the gateway communities in favor of maximum exploitation of the winter resource. I have never felt like the National Park Service or Yellowstone National Park owe those communities "a living". At the same time, I do have a deep concern about average Americans feeling estranged from such an incredible national asset. My plea to you is simply to develop the preferred alternative with the needs of more than just the wealthy in mind. I very much appreciate the opportunity to submit comment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 896 **Comment Id:** 126273 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Part of the equation in the Winter Plan should be the impact on the visiting American citizens and visitors. Are the Park Service and the special interest groups aware of how much it costs for a one or two day trip into the Park during the winter or summer? From the cost of driving to Yellowstone National Park, food, motel room and entry fees. I am a senior citizen and appreciate my Senior Park Pass. We have a business (Buckaroo Bills Restaurant) in West Yellowstone I have asked our 28 employees why they do not go into the Park. The common answer is we can not afford it. I have a Gold Wing Motorcycle and travel to the different National Parks. I make it a point to ask people if they visit Yellowstone National Park. More and more people are telling me it costs too much. What is the Park Service doing to reach out to the young people and people of fixed income?

Organization:

Commenter: Bill Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 829 **Comment Id:** 127309 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have lived in the community of West Yellowstone for 33 years. The current questions of access, back and forth judicial decisions, and negative publicity regarding winter use, snowmobile use, and access issues have had, and continue to have, an astounding negative effect on our local economy and community. The varied decisions over the last ten years have negatively affected job creation and retention, attracting and keeping year round families and a viable work force; numbers of students attending school and school funding (I am a trustee on the West Yellowstone District #69 school board, 18 years); providing of emergency services, medical support and other necessary services, suppliers and vendors required for the millions of visitors that annually pass through the West Gate.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary S Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 829 **Comment Id:** 127310 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have seen our community change from a thriving vibrant winter destination to one with shuttered hotels, motels, restaurants and storefronts, a seasonal work force and large and significant decline in resort tax revenues. As you are aware from the NPS records, the numbers of visitors who have passed through the West gate during the 'winter season' has declined dramatically over the past ten years; since the inception of the varied 'winter use plans' which are constantly being challenged, involved in court actions, with wide spread negative and uninformed news coverage, and uncertain and ever changing. The current winter use plan allowing 318 snowmobiles and 84 snowcoaches admitted through ALL Park entrances, 160 being allowed through the West entrance, is not an economically viable or sustainable solution for the community of West Yellowstone or the Park as a whole. Our economy and community cannot be sustained at the current allowed number of 160 visitors per day through the West entrance during the winter season.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary S Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 829 **Comment Id:** 127312 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Under the current provisions of winter use, requirements of guided snowmobiles or snow coaches through licensed concessionaires, along with severely limited numbers being allowed admittance through the Park gates has resulted in the Park experience in the winter being available to and affordable for only an elite group. Costs to access Winter in Yellowstone for a family of 6 can

easily approach \$1000 per day, not including lodging or food. There are not many families or individuals who have the means to afford this. With the current restrictions the Park Service is NOT meeting it's mandate.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary S Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1257 **Comment Id:** 129122 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I'm not positive, but I'm pretty sure that people in money to the park during the winter. I know that when my family goes we spend money. People rent motel rooms, and snowmobiles

Organization: Alpine Assassins

Commenter: Kolton R Neil **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1013 **Comment Id:** 126252 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hello, I like many others are hearing the bad news how Yellowstone my become impermissible on snowmobiles. Many of the people that protest such closures have no idea what effect it will have on the industry and the cascading effect of " Now this area is closed, what area should we close next". I have many friends that rely on sales of ATV's, snowmobiles ect. for income, this is the last thing we need in these already tough times. I hope myself and others to come can enjoy and respect the Great Outdoors for years to come!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 893 **Comment Id:** 126279 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Over the past many years, we have all heard the sales pitches from Clyde and Bill, Jerry Johnson, David McCray and all of the other rental operators, and I have to agree with what they say from their personal and selfish perspective. They try to convince that their story represents the whole of West Yellowstone but that just isn't the case. The truth is known, while the eight +/- winter concessioners survive and/or prosper, the rest of West Yellowstone dies on the vine. It doesn't take an exhaustive study to see that, in the wintertime, our little border town is, pretty much, a shadow of its former self and I put that onus directly on the shoulders of the snowmobile concessioners. They care everything about their own businesses and care nothing for the rest of the town.

Organization:

Commenter: John H Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 325 **Comment Id:** 126459 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hello! My name is Mike J Slevin and I have lived in West Yellowstone the better part of the last 35 years, when I got to town there were no stop lights, we had wooden sidewalks, and dirt streets! And town basically closed down for the winters, we mostly claimed unemployment until spring came around so we were a 6 month seasonal town, Then snowmobiling became a reason for employment and business staying open, things were good for town and everyone who wanted to visit Yellowstone park in the winter time, (something people had not been able to do in many years) and with the increase in visitors came the need for park boundary community to be open for safety and services those who came to visit. As the park allowed and promoted this great experience! It counted and depended on the communities to play a supportive roll! Supplying services from hotels, eateries, gas stations, as well as medical, fire, search and rescue for the visitors, thus we formed a year round symbiotic relationship and grew together to the point where we are now.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Slevin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129131 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Scoping materials ask the following questions- What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?? Winter in Yellowstone is a breataking and memorable experience. This experience should be shared with all Americans, not just the Elite who can afford to hire a guide and a snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129581 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Access by the middle and lower class public has also become unaffordable through the '100% commercial use' policy since it forces all users to rent either expensive snowcoach seats or expensive snowmobiles with a guide. Winter access to Yellowstone's interior should not be for only the rich and the elite. The result has been that total winter visits have plummeted since 2004. At least one alternative should fairly and properly consider allowing non-commercial access by individuals and families so that Yellowstone does not continue to be only a 'rich man's park' over the long-term.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1419 **Comment Id:** 128414 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I feel very strongly that it is time to plow the park road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. Only the wealthy are able to afford a winter trip into Yellowstone from West Yellowstone as it is now. There should be affordable access to all who wish to experience Yellowstone in the winter. There should be individual access for private vehicles and also the availability of guided tours. We have many knowledgeable guides and tour companies here for those who are new to the park and desire that service. Plowing the road to Old Faithful would increase regional visits from states in the Intermountain West, and help bring more winter business to West Yellowstone restaurants, lodgings and shops. Our town's economy has seriously suffered this winter, and it's time to think out of the box and offer a new perspective into Yellowstone, this town's sole reason for existence.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol G Hoffmann **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 950 **Comment Id:** 127894 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: There is no merit to the argument that limiting snowmobile access will seriously hamper the tourist business in the region. There are hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails in the vicinity of Yellowstone, outside of the park, which provide a variety of challenges and access to magnificent scenery. Outfitters do not have an inherent right to maximize their profits by renting snowmobiles for park use. They can readily adjust their business practices to emphasize the qualities of a more peaceful and serene Yellowstone experience.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna S Rankin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 682 **Comment Id:** 126853 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Grooming the roads in the winter for snowcoaches (and snowmobiles) is elitist and should be ended. I have lived next to this Park for over 30 years and have only been able to go into it in the winter twice. Paying for the use of a snowmobile or being ferried in on a snowcoach is too expensive for most citizens.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 236 **Comment Id:** 127339 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: But the snowmobiles are scrutinized year after year, so let's just plow the road and eliminate them-- let them go use the hundreds of miles of groomed trails that we have at our disposal OUTSIDE the park. Then the average family might could afford to see what Yellowstone is in the winter, instead of the prohibitive cost of a snowcoach tour or guided snowmobile tour into the park, and we can focus on providing reasonable use of the park in winter without continual studies about snowmobiles-- just get rid of them except for traversing parts of the park that are not plowed. Then maybe we can stop spending more and more taxpayers' money studying the same thing year after year.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 398 **Comment Id:** 126733 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family and I would relish the opportunity to enjoy the unique winter experience Yellowstone offers. Unfortunately, it's a financial burden. The costs associated are outrageous for a family to afford. In addition, current methods of travel are difficult for elderly family members to adapt to.

Organization: Tax Payer

Commenter: Rick Haasch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 945 **Comment Id:** 127484 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Also, the economy for the town of West Yellowstone in the wintertime needs to be considered. We were told this past week that it was down considerably. I realize the economy has something to do with this; nevertheless, the fewer sleds allowed into the park, the fewer people will want to visit.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen M Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 328 **Comment Id:** 126529 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Here's my reasoning. 1) During the summer, countless cars go through the park, much more polluting than some snowmobiles. 1000's of cars daily, way more than 318 snowmobiles daily. 2) What better way to encourage conservation than getting people the opportunity to see the

beauty of our great National parks, especially in the winter, when most people don't get the chance to see the awesomeness of the park. The more opportunities they have to see the beauty of nature, the more they will take home that message, and push for change world-wide, such as smaller vehicles, conservation, and more. Give the people the opportunity to see the park, and they will wake the changes in their life. 3) Lastly, the business impact upon local communities is very large. I've made regular trips to West Yellowstone to see such awesome natural treasures ? and especially in the winter. By imposing strict caps, you jeopardize the livelihood of many people, businesses, and even some communities.

Organization:

Commenter: David H Doyle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1388 **Comment Id:** 127225 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We are in total agreement that the amount of daily sleds should be limited, however, we feel that the small amount is actually killing the businesses both in West Yellowstone as well as in Island Park. The general public is overwhelmed by a mere \$1,000 a day just to ride the snow coach into the park for a family of four or five. To rent machines is totally over the top.

Organization: Fugowee Snowmobile club

Commenter: Ron & Shirlene Kynaston **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1186 **Comment Id:** 128134 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In addition, communities around Yellowstone rely on jobs created by snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Wade N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1372 **Comment Id:** 127247 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The expense to rent a four stroke snowmobile, (witch smokes worse than most two stroke sled and are just as noisy) doesn't make any sense when I own my own. I guess for those who have never enjoyed the beauty of Yellowstone in the winter or summer, they can pay the price to do so.

Organization:

Commenter: Darwin Mortensen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 872 **Comment Id:** 127544 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A long time ago, in a much happier environment I took my family to Jackson Hole spent 2-3 days shopping and enjoying our selves. Then we went to Flagg Ranch and left our snowmobile trailer and took 4 snowmobiles at our own pace through the park. Arriving at West Yellowstone we would get a motel, spend money and go to restaurants for 2 days and go back to Flagg ranch. A couple of years ago I made the BIG MISTAKE of going to West Yellowstone to see the park, stupid me!!! I couldn't take my machines to the park and west Yellowstone was a ghost town. Welcome the wonderful government, Environmentalist, and Sierra Club, all who should go to Cuba or Russia so they can be happy with their system. Why can't we let free enterprise thrive??? I fill so sorry for the West Yellow Stone Merchants, and City that have let the vermin take over.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert G Oyler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 19 **Comment Id:** 126935 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I have lived in West Yellowstone for 17 years and the winter economy is down.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol Anderson Barney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1370 **Comment Id:** 127252 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: And frankly and right to all American taxpayers in my humble opinion. Not to mention the huge economic impact on the surrounding communities that has already begun just reducing sled numbers. Locals have told me time and again that these towns need snowmobiles and tourists to survive in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 146 **Comment Id:** 128325 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It is very expensive to travel that route on a snowcoach or snowmobile, especially for a family.

Organization:

Commenter: Pat Knutson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1366 **Comment Id:** 127257 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Also, the small towns that are located at the park entrances depend on the winter visitors. They would turn to ghost towns and the services some have come to expect in the summer, would no longer be there.

Organization: Davis County Snowflakes/Utah Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 145 **Comment Id:** 128320 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: My family does not have a lot of money to spend on guides and snowcoaches so restricting the snowmobile access would pretty much eliminate any chance I would have of coming and enjoying the beautiful area.

Organization:

Commenter: Heath Finlinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1114 **Comment Id:** 127899 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: You are also hurting the economy of the west yellowstone area. WE as snowmobilers infuse more money than anybody else does in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1114 **Comment Id:** 127902 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: So please I urge you to allow snowmobilers to continue to use the park and remember that we keep the economy in the winter going. you shut us out and the towns around the park will no longer exist. So we now you hurt the local economy too.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 849 **Comment Id:** 127432 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been visiting Yellowstone Park during the summer and winter months since 1954. During that time, and specifically in the last 10-15 years, I have seen and observed various bordering communities of the Park go from thriving year-round entities to barely sustaining an existence in the winter months. The winter use plans for the Park have changed and fluctuated over the last ten years. Limiting access to the Park in the winter months makes the sustainability of a livelihood almost impossible in the town of West Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 292 **Comment Id:** 127605 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: This change could also benefit local communities. While fishing in Yellowstone Park is not permitted over the winter, it is in the surrounding area. Travel through the park would make it possible for fishing guides, such as myself, to work in spring and late fall. Increased tourist traffic in the northern part of the park from the larger airport at Salt Lake City instead of Bozeman would have a similar effect.

Organization:

Commenter: Walter J Wiese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 424 **Comment Id:** 128595 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please allow snow to continue to cover the roads and allow the common sense of BAT machines to bring an end to the see-saw battle and uncertainty the local economies have suffered, and protect our right to enjoy Yellowstone in the winter unguided.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1324 **Comment Id:** 127698 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: As a resident and business owner in West Yellowstone I think we need to come up with a plan that is affordable for the people to enjoy the park. I chose to move here 12 years ago with my family because I enjoyed the beauty of the park in the winter time. Unfortunately I have not been

able to enjoy the Park in the Winter time the last 5 years because it is way over priced with the options we currently have.

Organization:

Commenter: Bob Pepler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 209 **Comment Id:** 126568 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are less expensive to operate and therefore the cost to the public is less.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven R Thaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128348 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Lack of Non-Commercial Access: We continue to believe that some level of private/non-commercial access for individuals is necessary if a long-term Winter Use Plan is going to be successful and sustainable. One specific part of this issue is that access by local residents has become difficult and unaffordable due to the fact winter visitors can access the Park's interior only through commercial operators, irrespective if they choose a snowcoach or a snowmobile as their transportation mode. The situation today is that we have only/solely 'tourists going through the Park either in a snowcoach or on a snowmobile' ? and local residents have been shut out of their own backyard. That is wrong. It is therefore imperative that at least one alternative fairly and properly consider some level of non-commercial access to the Park which can help local residents regain the ability to visit their local park which they love and support ? and you do need their continued support if any new plan is going to be successful over the long-term. Access by the middle and lower class public has also become unaffordable through the '100% commercial use' policy since it forces all users to rent either expensive snowcoach seats or expensive snowmobiles with a guide. Winter access to Yellowstone's interior should not be for only the rich and the elite. The result has been that total winter visits have plummeted since 2004. At least one alternative should fairly and properly consider allowing non-commercial access by individuals and families so that Yellowstone does not continue to be only a 'rich man's park' over the long-term.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128416 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - A review of road closure data for the past several autumn seasons indicates that the roads have been closed several times each fall for "unsafe" driving conditions. If the roads are unsafe

several days each October, the frequency of road closures during the winter months would likely only be greater. A high frequency of closures for park roadways would be damaging to the winter socioeconomics of local communities. Conversely, keeping the roads open during treacherous driving conditions could be very dangerous to inexperienced drivers unfamiliar with winter driving conditions. The accident frequency and required ranger response on the road from Mammoth to Cooke City is indicative of the accident rate that could be anticipated with public access to plowed roadways.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1092 **Comment Id:** 127836 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Montana and Wyoming are states with very low revenue, and Yellowstone brings revenue, jobs, and growth to the communities and cities neighboring Yellowstone. Our economy is suffering and our nation needs to do something about it. Hence closing Yellowstone in Winter would destroy the economy and the neighboring communities of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 823 **Comment Id:** 127296 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do have a problem with limiting the number of machines that come in. The number now is way to low. Most days the outfitters don't even fill their numbers. I think it has been made too difficult for the operators to reach people and let them know that they can go in the park by snowmobile. It has been to expensive to do for regular folks like me. You are taking a huge loss in visitation by some of the rules that have been enacted. Compare how many winter visitors there are now versus before the limitations. I'm sure that there is more that I am forgetting, feel free to contact me if you have further questions, or if you would like to hear more comments. Thank you for listening, I'll be watching to see what happens.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 404 **Comment Id:** 128377 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Plowing the road will allow the average public family to be able afford to go into the park in the winter and enjoy Old Faithful and Yellowstone. Currently only the rich can afford to go into the park in the winter because it has gotten too expensive to go on a snowcoach or snowmobile with a guide. I personally have been in the park only one time in the past 6 winters and the only reason

I was able to go into Yellowstone was because of a huge discount given by one of the operators.

Organization: West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic

Commenter: Kyle Goltz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 404 **Comment Id:** 128384 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Winter business in the town of West Yellowstone has decreased dramatically because of the on going turmoil of Winter Use in Yellowstone National Park. I own a business in West Yellowstone and have had to lay off my staff because of the slow winter seasons over the past 3-4 years. I feel that by plowing the road the businesses of West Yellowstone could stay open year round and re-hire staff. If more businesses are open in West Yellowstone visitors will have a more enjoyable experience in town and in the park.

Organization: West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic

Commenter: Kyle Goltz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 401 **Comment Id:** 127649 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling (as well as snow coach travel) has become too expensive due to your own stupid NPS regulations. The Park is for the people. Let us in without undue expense or regulations!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 680 **Comment Id:** 126850 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand there will be a significant livelihood that will be lost for the local folks but man the wildlife might just rejoice

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 857 **Comment Id:** 127491 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I currently reside in Ennis, Montana. I lived in West Yellowstone from 1996 - 2007.

During that time I tended bar. The Winter season was very lucrative for the service industry. Snowmobilers, snow coach clientele and cross country skiers alike patronized the food and beverage businesses during the Winter months. Over time I saw a steady decline the last few Winter's in tourism to our town. I also have a Pilates business that I tried to keep afloat in that demographics. The clientele was not there in the Winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 857 **Comment Id:** 127493 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that if the roads were plowed in the Winter it would increase tourism in West Yellowstone. This would also allow certain business's that have closed for the Winter months to reopen. It will create a boarder base for the business's in that community. Maybe a bus service in to Old Faithful would be a way for all to be able to experience Yellowstone in the Winter. My vote is for plowing the road. Most avid snowmobilers prefer to ride outside the Park. So it is not for West Yellowstone to say goodbye to Snowmobile enthusiast. It is for all to be able to enjoy this amazing area, without having it be an exorbitant expense. I hope for the best outcome for Yellowstone National Park and for the town of West Yellowstone

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 123 **Comment Id:** 127513 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The cost of plowing may offset the cost of grooming while eliminating entirely the more difficult task and cost of removing ~30 miles of compacted, groomed snow prior to opening in the spring. Plowed roads would allow better employee travel as well as more cost effective access for non-life threatening emergencies.

Organization: GOSA

Commenter: Udo Freund **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129359 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Park Service should consider historic numbers of use and then allow some sort of increase in numbers to allow businesses to grow. If businesses were assured that the Park would be open, they could in turn promote the opportunity for visitors to come and enjoy the Park. This has not been the case over the last several years and consequently the confusion has resulted in the reduction of Park visitation by snowmobiles and tourists in general. The Park service must stand up for the small

gateway communities like West Yellowstone and not allow extreme environmental groups to destroy the economy of this community. The scoping document should include economic factors as required under NEPA. Human impacts in relation to both social and economic impacts should be elevated in importance through the scoping process. Many times Park resources, unaffected by winter use, are claimed by environmental groups as being adversely affected when no sound science is being used. Generated and estimated data is many times used when in fact sound science is available that contradicts such modeling data sets.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129360 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Last winter there were 10 motels that closed for the winter in West Yellowstone representing millions of dollars in lost revenue for both the city of West Yellowstone and also the County of Gallatin. This was a direct result of the uncertainty of the Park being open to snowmobiles until the last minute. I know of no family that would plan an expensive trip to Montana in the winter if they were unsure that the opportunity to recreate in Yellowstone Park may not be available when they arrived. Your plans have never addressed this issue and the previous numbers in your plan of 620 per day should have been defended because of this fact. Judges should not be scientists and allowed to decide science from the bench. The Park Service did the adequate studies to defend their position and for your agency to circum so easily to the wishes of extreme environmental groups and the short sided vision of a judge is wrong and will only embolden them for the next time. Litigation by environmental groups has become more of a business rather than protection of a resource or animals. An idea to explore in the scoping document would be the posting of a bond by environmental groups equal to a percentage of the estimated financial impact that their lawsuit, asking the courts to reduce winter access to Yellowstone Park, would incur on businesses and local. Most litigants of winter use access to Yellowstone Park have no marbles in the game. There is no possible adverse affect to their organization where the local communities have their very survival at stake. The scoping document should expose this fact and the disparities between affected and non-affected parties. The non-affected parties that have been the ones to bring actions to close access should be required to bring something to the table such as posting bond.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129367 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Park Service must stand up to these groups and support the local economies of communities trying to just survive. In recent years of going to West Yellowstone in the winter, I find the town almost dead of lack of tourists. Restaurants, motels, and businesses have closed their doors because of the fact that restrictions on winter use in the Park have become so severe and predictable. Businesses that once remained open and provided a sustainable tax base to support schools, roads,

libraries, parks and infrastructure are now closing. It is a fact that the environmental groups care nothing about these local people and their community and it's clear to me that their allegiants is to the crisis they proclaim and the money this perceived crisis produces. If they were to support any reliable number of snowmobile use in the Park, their funding would dry up and their organization would cease to exist. Everyone should now understand why they do these selfish acts of destruction on these small towns and their economies.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129372 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The fact is that businesses in West Yellowstone are closing in the winter, the tax base is being reduced, schools and infrastructure are suffering and the Park Service has the responsibility to manage the Park "for the enjoyment of the people". If the closing of businesses in West Yellowstone is considered "for the enjoyment o the people" then I believe the Park Service has missed their duty and responsibility to the people. Courts should not be scientists and inject their morality and agendas into their decisions. Courts should be held accountable for decisions such as these and I respectfully request that the Park Service challenge their flawed rulings and start representing the local communities and residents as required by law.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128647 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are less expensive to operate and therefore the cost to the public is less.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 665 **Comment Id:** 126808 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a nearby resident (and frequent Park visitor), I understand the economic needs of our communities, however, there is more than sufficient space outside YNP for snowmobile activities - - in and around West Yellowstone, Cooke City, Cody, Island Park, etc

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 407 **Comment Id:** 128411 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Over snow travel is an expensive adventure. It currently costs \$100 per day or more to access Yellowstone via snowcoach or snowmobile. Guide fees cost extra, tips cost extra, your pass costs extra. It adds up to a trip for the privileged only, those with means to spend \$400 on a family of four for one day in Yellowstone. This is elitist, and is not what Yellowstone was set aside to be.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 121 **Comment Id:** 127010 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Not only have snowmobiles been found over and over again through these expensive studies to be harmful to the park, the average person cannot afford to visit in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 121 **Comment Id:** 127011 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: This would help to attract more winter visitors and provide more income for the park. In addition, it would help with the growing US unemployment by creating more winter positions. Plowing the road in winter would be beneficial to the park and the US economy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1305 **Comment Id:** 128612 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe (1) it would help the sad economy in the towns surrounding the park,

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1155 **Comment Id:** 128048 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Closing Yellowstone off to the winter traffic (snowmobilers) will cause most of the town to shut down in the winter. This is because there is simply no way for business's to stay afloat in a "tourism town," during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127445 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow coach visits are less expensive, provide a quieter experience for visitors, pollute the air less, and less distracting to park wildlife. As a result, visitors are experiencing a quieter, cleaner Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1282 **Comment Id:** 128211 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Forest Service, I am interested in the health and welfare of Yellowstone National Park, not only for myself, but also for the animals that live there and the environment. I have visited Yellowstone twice in the winter and while I was awestruck by it's beauty, I was dismayed by the noise and pollution caused by the huge number of snowmobiles in the park. I was excited that something was being done in 2000 to remedy this problem and am very interested in a long term plan that will eventually phase out snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126728 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The requirement to operate BAT snowmobiles, require guides in small groups and limit the number of snowmobiles entering the park each day have caused businesses to close and many motels to close for the winter due to the reduction in business due to the reduced number of snowmobiles allowed in the park. It doesn't make sense to further reduce the number allowed when it's lower than daily averages in previous years.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 249 **Comment Id:** 126897 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To get back to the subject, limiting our visitors from doing the things they come down here to do makes it bad for all of us. Majority of keys residents rely on the money spent by tourist...year round! I would assume the same is for the small towns located near Yellowstone Park. Please consider this angle and please keep Yellowstone open year round!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1279 **Comment Id:** 128205 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On behalf of the Cody Country Snowmobile Association I would like to comment on the "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement". Our club is 75+ members strong and we truly enjoy the areas that we currently ride. We are responsible riders and would love to once again be able to enjoy the wonder and beauty of Yellowstone Park without the need to hire a guide. We are all from around this area and have been to Yellowstone before and consider ourselves responsible stewards of our parks and lands. We also feel that we are some the real snowmobilers in the Cody area. We all own our own snowmobiles and most of our snowmobiles would satisfy BAT technology required by the Park Service to be able to visit Yellowstone National Park. We haven't snowmobiled in Yellowstone Park for a few years now because it is extremely expensive to hire a guide not to mention having to rent snowmobiles as well when we already own snowmobiles.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Bert Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 650 **Comment Id:** 126780 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The area industries supporting snowmobiles now, can certainly adjust to supporting snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Lenaghan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1278 **Comment Id:** 128204 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter is a wonderful season to enjoy the park and removing vehicular access would significantly reduce tourism to the park and have a greater negative socioeconomic impact to both the park as well as the surrounding communities who rely on tourism to the part to sustain their livelihoods. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 389 **Comment Id:** 126689 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The biggest loss in jobs in that area was caused removing snowmobiles, we have the technology to enjoy the park in the winter which is when Yellowstone is at it best. Bring jobs back to the park and allow snowmobiles to ride in the park again! Allow the use on zero emission vehicles. People will buy whatever you tell them to so they can visit this park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Roman Freelee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 923 **Comment Id:** 127904 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Year after year, this conflict going on, drives away winter tourism. People have closed their businesses and lost thousands of dollars acquiring equipment they cannot rent, because of using costly and weather limited helicopters instead of the howitzer. Hotels and Motels have also been on the losing end of this unstable arrangement. Most Americans can't even afford to visit by snowmobile, the very same road they drive on in the summer. The "guide rule" has killed the dream of average Americans visiting Yellowstone National Park.

Organization: Shut Out of Yellowstone

Commenter: Cherie' A Fisher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1275 **Comment Id:** 128194 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It should also be mentioned that during this recession, every additional restriction that is placed on snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park places an even greater burden on the economy of the local communities that service the park. West Yellowstone has suffered greatly under the burden of every increasing restrictions on park access. While winter may be hard on the animals within the park, it is also hard on the residents outside of the park. These are just a few of the thoughts that are currently being discussed by snowmobilers on SnoWest that I wanted to pass along to you.

Organization: SnoWestOnline

Commenter: Christopher M Parrett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 919 **Comment Id:** 127367 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: While the West Yellowstone community has built much of its economy around snowmobiling, I think that the values of the park are more important.

Organization:

Commenter: Warren E Bielenberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 283 **Comment Id:** 127645 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Plowing the roads into the park would allow access to the ordinary citizenry, the citizens who otherwise can not afford the current high price of park access. With a snow coach tour running approximately \$600.00 for a family of four and a snowmobile tour costing as much as twice that, access to the park is affordable to only a handful of people.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 161 **Comment Id:** 129248 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Here are a few facts that are obvious to those of us that actually live near the park and enjoy the winter wonderland of Yellowstone. Snow coaches are nosier while idling and also while running down the trail. Snow coaches idle more than individual snowmobiles. Certain areas of the park have specific times that snowmobiles can go to that area vs. snow coaches having free access to these areas. Individual snowmobilers are paying more for the experience of visiting Yellowstone in the winter on their own sleds. This is good for the economy of all neighboring communities. Individual snowmobilers have time restrictions of their time in the park and are also not allowed in to visit certain areas. The newer heavier snowcoaches are rutting up the trails on the southend. Between the southend and Old Faithful the roads are dangerous and unsafe for other snowcoaches and individual snowmobiles due to these ruts.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 789 **Comment Id:** 127163 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I was saddened, however, at the loss of businesses in West Yellowstone I observed on our latest visit in January. Responsible tourism is an industry for the park and the outlying communities. The monies brought in recycle and allow continued access and enjoyment to our national treasures and improve the economy, even in troubled times.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 375 **Comment Id:** 126669 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Regarding plowing the roads from West Yellowstone to Old Faithfull. The short answer is YES, plow it, let me drive to Old Faithful in January. I have a 32 year relationship with YS Park, both as an employee at Old Faithful and as a 4 season visitor. I have camped at below zero in December, hiked it's summits and paddled it's lakes. Not long ago a park visitor could take a snow coach into the park for under \$10.00. Today at \$100.00 it's only available to the elitists, super rich. Want to take your family of five for a day trip to ski around Old Faithfull?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 338 **Comment Id:** 126583 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: For far too long the I call the five major families in West Yellowstone have monopolized the entire town, made their own rules and made a TON of money. I think enough is enough. These "families" cry that there won't be work for "us", their employees. They could care less about their employees. They have made enough money off raping Yellowstone Park by sending in all those snowmobiles. And they have the summer business that increases every year. Please consider that the employee's lives don't depend on the snowmobiles. We are poor regardless- Don't let the "5 big families" use the excuse that our livelihoods will be affected. We still drive broken down cars and live in their substandard employee housing. Our struggles continue- but the Bison and other wildlife can't move away- they don't need to be harassed by those smelly noisy snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Heather Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1380 **Comment Id:** 128536 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: These private companies including Xantera that do the tours into the park cost too much for a single person to afford let alone a family. I live right outside of Yellowstone and can't afford to go to Old Faithful ONCE in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 905 **Comment Id:** 127300 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Continued winter use in Yellowstone National Park is vital for community economic sustainability. Gateway communities are great supporters of the park as they take the offload of visitation and relieve the impact on the resource.

Organization: Wyoming Business Council

Commenter: Robert K Jensen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 159 **Comment Id:** 128387 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We are asking that the Yellowstone roads be plowed during the winter season allowing access to the wonderful scenery in this beautiful National park. The only way to currently access this area during these months are through a few high priced and limited tours which many, including my family, cannot afford. Please take this into careful consideration as we highly value having access to Yellowstone year round.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 890 **Comment Id:** 127687 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The economy in West Yellowstone is already struggling during the winter because of all the regulations that are in place. I strongly suggest that it be left open for public use during the winter at least as it currently is or even with more open policies.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1354 **Comment Id:** 127275 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In my personal opinion, there are decreased numbers of people going to West due to the required guides more than any other reason. The decreased # of sleds as well makes a huge contribution to less people.

Organization:

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 889 **Comment Id:** 127680 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Park and park vendor's revenue would increase which would also provide employment opportunity and additional revenue for the Park's budget. Snowmobile vendors could rent space at Old Faithful from the Park Service to rent out snowmobiles. This would eliminate the snowmobilers driving from the Park gates to Old Faithful. This would cut down on emissions, traffic and traffic accidents. The Park Service could groom trails in the areas they felt were manageable and safe.

Organization:

Commenter: William E Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 309 **Comment Id:** 126418 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: EIS = Environmental Impact Statement EIS also can mean economic impact statement. So many times government only looks at hypothetical environmental issues without any regard to the human and economic hardships those decisions cause on every day working families. I have many constituents that are very discouraged about snowmobile access restrictions. Furthermore I know of friends and businesses that have been severely hurt financially by these arbitrary restrictions. Many years ago, lots of my friends planned their winter around their snowmobile trips to YNP. Now they don't bother anymore. And consequently associated businesses have been negatively affected.

Organization: State of Montana - State Senator

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Correspondence Id: 1340 **Comment Id:** 128730 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Whatever the future winter use for Yellowstone Park may be, it MUST include an affordable option for people to enter Yellowstone. The current system of snow coach and guided snowmobile tours in the Park is far out of the price range of the average family and has made the Park only available to the wealthy in winter. I have lived and worked in West Yellowstone for seven years

and have only been able to enjoy the Park due the generosity of others during this time. Without friends and local connections, a trip into the Park is simply out of reach for myself, most people who live and work in the area, and anyone without resources to plan a very expensive vacation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1340 **Comment Id:** 128739 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Current winter use in the Park has allowed a very small number of businesses to make exceptional profits from operating in Yellowstone in winter. At the same time, the vast majority of potential visitors are kept out of the Park due to the high cost of transportation. This needs to change if Yellowstone to maintained for the "Enjoyment of the People".

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 988 **Comment Id:** 128154 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have been fortunate enough to visit the town of West Yellowstone many times in the winter and also Yellowstone NATIONAL Park in the winter, they are both beautiful locations in the winter and both need to be respected and protected. I think we should all be able to keep all these places alive and open to the public for snowmobilers by managing the amount of snowmobiles allowed in to the park daily. The people of our great country deserve the right to enjoy our parks year round.

Organization:

Commenter: Todd L Pettit **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1482 **Comment Id:** 128756 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The socioeconomics of gateway communities is a necessary complication of managing the environmental impact of winter use in Yellowstone. The data I'm familiar with suggests that the gateway communities are experiencing economic decline during the winter months associated with the present interim plan of operations for winter. High costs of snowcoach and snowmobile access (>\$100/day) to Yellowstone severely restricts broad accessibility of Yellowstone in winter compared with much less expensive access with wheeled vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1476 **Comment Id:** 128809 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear NPS, As you consider your long range planning for environmental impacts and usage of Yellowstone Park, I hope that you will keep in mind the economic needs of surrounding communities. Many of these communities have already suffered from reduced income due to the reduction of game animals because of wolf reintroduction. Further lowered limits of clean snowmobile touring would hurt them even more. People in these small towns don't have many job opportunities open to them. As an agency of the federal government, whose employer is the people of the nation, you owe it to your local constituents to do everything in your power to help them.

Organization:

Commenter: Jean Corey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1453 **Comment Id:** 128173 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I'm writing this letter of protest to any additional closures of snowmobile access in that area. The economy in that area is already hurting due to increased regulation in recreational snowmobiling. Further regulation will only force snowmobilers to go elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: John Aberasturi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128968 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The winter is the best time to visit Yellowstone and with these changes it will be even better in the future. It is also important for the economic health of West Yellowstone and the surrounding area. Let's keep the snowmobile a vibrant part of the fabric of Yellowstone now and forever.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1586 **Comment Id:** 129595 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We feel strongly that the local businesses need to have a long term plan in place in order to make sound business decisions.

Organization:

Commenter: Philip J Frankovic **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 421 **Comment Id:** 128588 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: My comments are relative to snowmobile restrictions in Yellowstone National Park. I offer here my comments regarding the restrictions. In January 2003, I spent 10 days in Yellowstone snowmobiling, enjoying the scenery, wildlife and surroundings. My expenses during that trip were in excess of \$4000.00 which included airfare, vehicle rental, lodging, snowmobile rental, meals, etc. My solitary time in the park was priceless. Being a mature individual, I observed and obeyed all laws regarding snowmobile speed, restrictions and activities. This was without a doubt a trip of a lifetime, and I enjoyed it beyond words. In January 2008, I repeated the trip, again spending 10 days in Yellowstone. What a utter disappointment. I did not enjoy being part of a herd of people with a guide. I was unable to enjoy the scenery, the wildlife, the special locations in a manner in which I had previously. It was without a doubt a very disappointing trip. My expenses during that trip were in excess of \$4000.00, same as previous trip. I would love to enjoy Yellowstone in the winter time again, but only if I were able to enjoy my solitude without being herded like a group of school children. I would be willing to pay a premium amount to have this ability, and encourage special licensing, or permits to allow individuals such as my self the opportunity to visit the part privately, without the necessity for a guide. It is doubtful if I will visit MY national park again if these restrictions stay in place.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard A Thierry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129596 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear Ms. Lewis: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this latest round of winter use planning in Yellowstone National Park (Yellowstone). I would also like to pass along my appreciation for your decision to host public open houses recently in Cheyenne and Cody. Ultimately, decisions made by the National Park Service (NPS) affect the public and local business owners relying on park visitors most directly, the decision to host two meetings in Wyoming communities was certainly appreciated.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129599 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Restricting access to 318 snowmobiles with the requirement to enter the Yellowstone with a commercial guide has forced the price of access to as much as \$250 for a day trip. I do not know many Wyoming families who can afford that kind of an expense. Both the numbers limitation and the cost prohibition have restricted access and made the Yellowstone winter use experience inaccessible for nearly all citizens of Wyoming and citizens of the United States.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1583 **Comment Id:** 129803 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I support the efforts of the National Park Service in maintaining the Park for the good of all, but it is my belief that the park is vastly underutilized in the winter season. Consequently, many lodging establishments, restaurants and gift shops are no longer open in West Yellowstone during the winter. Our community simply cannot survive with the visitation levels that the current EA has imposed. Please strongly consider the socio-economic status of the gateway communities when working through this EIS. Winter visitation has decreased from 70,365 snowmobile and snowcoach visitors in the 2001-02 winter season to 26,732 visitors in the 2008-09 winter season (See Figure 1 ? Yellowstone National Park Winter Visitation). Since the 2009-10 winter season just recently finished and gates counts are not finalized, we can only assume the number of visitors will be down because of the 160 snowmobile cap on the west entrance and only a slight increase in snowcoach passengers. It is important that our community be able to provide goods and services to a much larger audience in order to be sustainable economically. Our gateway community needs to be vibrant and economically healthy in order to provide visitors with a great Park experience (See Figure 2 ? First Security Bank West Yellowstone Branch Commercial Deposits). You will notice in Figure 2 that in the winter of 2004-05, the first year that commercial guides were required in Yellowstone, there was a significant drop in our economy. After that, when the National economy was stronger between 2005-2007, we began to see a resurgence in the winter economy of our community. 2008-09 began to decline, probably associated with the National economy because in that particular year, concessionaires at the west entrance still had 50 snowmobile permits per day. You will see that 2009-10 shows a further decline in our community's winter revenue which I am sure is directly tied to the fact that west entrance concessionaires had only 20 snowmobile permits per day. This illustrates the need for a larger number of snowmobiles to be allowed in the Park for the future economic health of our community.

Organization: Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha

Commenter: F. W Howell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 408 **Comment Id:** 126797 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The businesses outside the park would see increased tourism and revenue during the winter season. YNP gate and vendor revenues would be enhanced.

Organization:

Commenter: Bruce W Jeffs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 408 **Comment Id:** 126799 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The park is beautiful in winter but access for most people is too limited in winter. More of the "common" citizen would be able to enjoy this wonderland without crippling financial costs.

Organization:

Commenter: Bruce W Jeffs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1543 **Comment Id:** 129377 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Long-term, sustainable access to Yellowstone National Park is vital to the economy of West Yellowstone. West Yellowstone provides a number of vital services to the Park including accommodations and services for visitors, sewer and water services for Park facilities, and educational opportunities for the children of Park employees. Without long-term, sustainable access to Yellowstone, the Town will struggle to continue to provide these services. The future of the Park and the future of the Town are inextricably linked and we encourage you to consider our close relationship as part of this process.

Organization: Town of West Yellowstone

Commenter: Pierre Martineau **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 126953 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The cost of such travel is prohibitive for our family and we regularly use the N entrance in winter as a result.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 126955 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: While we do enjoy the N entrance a great deal in winter it would be nice to have the

option to see the geyser basins in winter. An option that is currently just not financially feasible for us.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 110 **Comment Id:** 126929 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Under current management policies, the cost of going to YNP during the winter has become unaffordable to those in the region who used to visit it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 110 **Comment Id:** 126930 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: As a child and teen, I used to go through with my family on snowmobiles at least one time per winter season. With the requirement for guides and BAT, we can no longer afford to do so.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1517 **Comment Id:** 128304 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for inviting public comment on the new effort by the National Park Service to establish a long-term winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park. I have lived outside the West Gate of Yellowstone since 1964. I employ approximately 45 of my fellow West Yellowstone residents in the summer and over 30 in the winter, providing interpretive tours, accommodations and other services to Yellowstone's visitors. The decision you make as a result of this planning process will very likely have a significant impact on my business, employees and the services that we offer to people who travel here to experience, as you stated in the scoping newsletter: "Yellowstone's unique winter resources and values."

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128906 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some thoughts on the YNP winter use plan: I can appreciate the thoughts re: wheeled vehicular use in Yellowstone during the winter and yet can see issues on both sides of this plan. I am sure businesses in W. Yellowstone feel wheeled vehicle use would help the local economy come somewhat closer to a 12 month economy vs. the 6-8 month economy it currently has and that no doubt has some merit. I also feel the town council and area visitor's bureau needs to be more pro-active in examining winter recreational uses to more fully utilize the national forest areas that surround YNP than it currently does, rather than thinking YNP is the ultimate destination. As an annual visitor to the area for 2-3 months during summer and fall, I can appreciate the fact that tourism drops sharply in the "off" months and this definitely would affect the local economy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1450 **Comment Id:** 128175 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Current situation in the Park in the winter allows access for the wealthiest only. Also, keeping things the way they are will turn my town - West Yellowstone into a ghost town for the most part of the year. These are the two main reasons why I think that other options (like plowing the roads in the Park) should be seriously considered.

Organization:

Commenter: Agata Morrill **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1447 **Comment Id:** 128177 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would love to see the road between W. Yellowstone and Old Faithful plowed in the winter to provide a more affordable access to everyone. Personally I would love to drive in and cross country ski or enjoy the geyser basins in the winter. I also think it would be an asset to the W. Yellowstone economy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1442 **Comment Id:** 129053 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In the past ten years it seems that the economy in the west Yellowstone park seems to be getting worse and the town looks to me to be dying, It was once a very busy place with snowmobile from all across the country to enjoy every bit of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter D Bober **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128728 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The impacts on the surrounding communities is greatly influenced by the decision of the Park Service. These communities provide the services required by the traveling public. If the people do not come, then the services dry up and the communities also dry up and blow away. This is much like the gold rush days of old. The miners came and towns sprung up to provide the services people needed. When the miners left, the towns dried up and became the ghost towns we now read about.

Organization:

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1591 **Comment Id:** 129891 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: GENERAL INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS: We have commented in past planning processes that 'the definition of insanity is continuing to do the same thing while expecting different results.' Once again, our observation is that past efforts have gone around and around with few lasting or productive results, due largely to continuing to essentially do the same thing while expecting different results. That, unfortunately, is insanity. Now more than ever, it is clear that the National Park Service needs to step back, get out of the box, and assess past successes and failures to, hopefully, build a new Winter Use Plan that is acceptable to both managers and the public while being sustainable for the resources. And it has become obvious that any new plan needs to be 'judicially sustainable' while also hopefully providing a level of public use and winter access that America's citizens deserve. We understand that is a tall order. Our observation is that affordable winter access to Yellowstone by individuals has been lost over the last decade and that - not the question of motorized access or not - should become the driving issue for this planning process. Yellowstone's magnificent winter season should not be an experience for only the elite who can afford to pay - but that is what it has become. We urge you to step back, revisit past decisions and policy changes, and figure out a way to reverse this trend so that all publics have an equal opportunity to visit and enjoy their special park in the winter.

Organization: California - Nevada Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Fred Wiley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1591 **Comment Id:** 129892 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: SPECIFIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NPS SCOPING MATERIAL QUESTIONS The scoping materials ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?"

Yellowstone is an absolutely special place to our members, regardless if they live next door in gateway communities or across the state. We value the Park's scenic and historic qualities, abundant wildlife, wide variety of unique and special ecosystems, as well as opportunities to obtain visitor services like lodging, food, fuel, and interpretive services within the park. More than anything, the stark beauty of the harsh winter elements make the winter season even more special and frankly more attractive than the other seasons are to us. We value opportunities to stop, smell, listen, feel, and photograph the magnificence of the Park on a personal basis while enjoying the Park and communing with nature. Therefore the ability to experience the park on an individual, personal basis is a large part of the specialness of Yellowstone for our members in the winter. But unfortunately the true specialness of this experience has been lost for our members since the '100% commercially guided' rule was implemented for snowmobilers in 2004. Being herded through the Park by commercial businesses has turned our opportunity for a winter visit into more of an expensive Disneyland experience than it is a national park experience. Yellowstone National Park should be available for individuals rather than to and through solely commercial interests.

Organization: California - Nevada Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Fred Wiley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128256 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park in the winter by both snowmobile and snowcoach. I am concerned that the current Winter Use Plan overly restricts access to the park and makes a park visit very cost prohibitive for families. As our family size has grown the rising cost to visit in the winter has made us choose not to visit. One of the major costs is renting snowmobiles and a guide or buying seats on the snowcoach. Visiting the park should not be reserved for only the wealthy. Visitors should be allowed to use their own snowmobile if they are clean and quite.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1524 **Comment Id:** 128266 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: SOCIOECONOMIC: The cost of a visit now has made the park accessible mainly to the wealthy who can afford the cost of entering the park, rooms, meals and travel to the park. This deprives many people of a unique wonderful experience. Our winter condo rentals are down 80% in the last few years due to the park visitor policies. Fortunately this is not our main income, but it is for many people. The gateway towns, especially West Yellowstone give great service to the park and the visitors. They provide services for many more visitors than the park can accommodate with it's facilities. It is important not to implement policies and rules that will harm them. They have worked hard to provide services which the park cannot. I remember the seedy motel we stayed at our first winter visiting the park. As the winter season grew more popular and businesses had a little more year round income, the dilapidated buildings were torn down and replaced or upgraded so the town was nicer for tourists and nicer for the year round residents. It is very unfair to pull the carpet out from

people who have taken great economic risks to invest in upgrading their visitor facilities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 999 **Comment Id:** 128163 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think it would be a travesty to see Yellowstone closed to snowmobile traffic. The city of West Yellowstone and others that count on tourism from winter traffic for their livelihood would die. I feel that the National Parks are for our enjoyment and the preservation of our wildlife and wilderness . . . with today's modern technology and advancements in the snowmobile industry the negative effects on wilderness and wildlife are practically non-existent.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1511 **Comment Id:** 128432 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The economy is bad and most likely will not change for some time. To deny a business from operating is not only putting the business owner out of business but the people who work as guides and office personnel lose their jobs.

Organization:

Commenter: fred lutz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1495 **Comment Id:** 128518 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The argument that restrictions on snowmobile use in the park endangers local businesses is like saying that the tannery business was threatened by regulations on hunting after buffalo were nearly exterminated from the Plains. People who come to visit Yellowstone in winter are there for a special experience, and local businesses can thrive by providing them with suitable alternatives that are more appropriate than running snowmobiles on park roads. There is a large amount of terrain outside the park that can be used by inveterate snowmobilers with a much lesser degree of harm to the wildlife and to the experience of those who are there for something other than noise and pollution.

Organization:

Commenter: Allen J Monroe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1486 **Comment Id:** 128723 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: YELLOWSTONE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP COMMENTS TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ON YELLOWSTONE WINTER USE Since its inception the Yellowstone Business Partnership (YBP) has been working to advance sustainable enterprise throughout the Greater Yellowstone region. Specifically YBP members want to enhance the economic well-being of our major cities and gateway communities, and improve year-round mobility for their residents and guests ? all while preserving the unique natural resources we enjoy in this region. In 2007, YBP published Turning On the Off-Season, which illustrates the extremes in economic activity in Yellowstone gateway communities and the difficulty they face in maintaining vital, year-round services. Concern with the well-being of gateway communities was again expressed in 2008 when more than 120 regional stakeholders were involved in the process of developing a Concept of Operations Plan for a regional transportation system in the Yellowstone-Teton region. These studies clearly showed that the social, economic and environmental health of our Greater Yellowstone communities is related to the nature and cost of Park access, and the Park's seasonal operating calendar, both of which deserve a re-evaluation in this Winter Use EIS.

Organization: Yellowstone Business Partnership

Commenter: Janice M Brown **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1655 **Comment Id:** 129954 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Economically West Yellowstone is severely impacted by the CAP number, and the inability to market well for Winter Use. So many visitors need several months of lead time to schedule vacation time. The common winter visitor is "priced out" of a winter vacation to YNP. I have a BAT snowmobile but to travel in YNP is still cost prohibitive ie. Guide ? Fees to enter group ? timing when space is available etc.

Organization:

Commenter: Jim Hobbs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1581 **Comment Id:** 129830 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: However, it is our belief that the Park is vastly underutilized in the winter season. Consequently many lodging, restaurant, equipment rental, and gift shop businesses are no longer open in the winter. School enrollment is in decline. This community simply cannot survive with the current level of Park access that is being allowed during the winter time.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1581 **Comment Id:** 129831 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The decrease in access has been easy to measure and reflects very disturbing trends. Winter visitation has declined to just 26,732 snowmobile and snow coach visitors in 2008-2009 from 70,365 snowmobile and snow coach visitors in 2001-2002. Through February 2010, West Gate snowmobile visitors had decreased nearly 3.5 percent while snow coach visitors had only increased two percent over the previous winter season. We can only assume the final year-end figures for the 2009-2010 winter season will be down because of the 160 cap on snowmobiles this year with only a slight increase in snow coach passengers. Resort Tax revenue collections have experienced negative growth in the past two years and very little growth in the prior three years. Due to uncertainty and a range of litigation that only spurs on uncertainty along with low snowmobile quotas, winter visitation to the Park via the West Yellowstone gate has declined about 60 percent over the past decade. If the Park exists for the public to enjoy in both the winter and the summer, the trends are moving in entirely the wrong direction despite the record number of summer visitors.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development

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Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1581 **Comment Id:** 129838 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: From past experience, we know that an economically sustainable number of winter visitors for the Town of West Yellowstone is a minimum of 60,000 snowmobile and snow coach

visitors going through the West Gate. We presently serve less than half this amount due in part to limited access. The key to achieving this sustainable number of winter visitors is increased access to the Park.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1470 **Comment Id:** 128885 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a business owner and concerned citizen trying to survive a terrible economy and a lot of indecision by the people who seem to want to put us out of business. Without the snowmobile or continued Yellowstone Park visitation in the winter months, business in our area during the winters will be non existent. We rely on our snowmobile and winter guests during December through March to visit our area, stay in our rental cabins and eat in our restaurant. Most of them come to visit Yellowstone. Each year the indecision of will the park be open, or will it be closed, keeps businesses from being able to make their advertising dollars work. It makes no sense to continue to waste valuable dollars going back and forth with this so called plan. Either take away the rights of the American people and close Yellowstone National Park down or let the people use Yellowstone National Park as our forefathers meant it to be used. The National Parks are here so we the people can continue to visit them and enjoy their magnificent beauty. You wonder how many of the people and judges ruling on this and fighting for closure have ever even seen Yellowstone National Park in the winter season. All that has been accomplished now is viewing the Park in the winter has become another rich man's sport. If nothing else, plow the roads and let people continue to enjoy their National Park.

Organization: Business Owner

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1456 **Comment Id:** 129034 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have resided in West Yellowstone for 35 years. I own a business however it is not an "over the snow" business. I have a degree from Indiana University and consider myself an independent thinker. I have watched this escalated drama unfold wondering about the actual long-term intent of the organizations "pulling the strings". The changing of winter use and the myriad of ups and downs in allowed numbers and last minute decisions has been very detrimental to gateway communities economically as far as revenue, taxes, and subsequently infrastructure and the loss of year around residents and their families. Perhaps this is of no concern in the "larger picture" of the Park- but my question is- what is the larger picture? If it is protection of an ecosystem, most generally noted in the press as the animal herds such as the elk and bison, they were flourishing to numbers which could not be sustained until the addition of the wolves. But I digress...

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1456 **Comment Id:** 129037 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My opinion- The Parks were established for the people and by the people for their enjoyment. Numerous visitors arrive at the park entrances on the shoulder season expecting to enter the Park and it is closed. These disappointed visitors comment about this annually in our Chamber and in our stores. Winter season park visitation has become prohibitively expensive for visitors and for residents. As the allowed numbers have dwindled, the prices for viewing the Park on over-the-snow vehicles has escalated. If the Park is for the people, devise a way for the public to visit the Park all year for an affordable price. I have heard excuses via the Park bureaucracy that "they are not set up to be open all year". So change, as the residents and business owners of gateway and surrounding communities have had to change. If you determine a viable, affordable way to see the Park on an annual basis, it will afford the Park more revenue as well while being appreciated by the public- which would like to view Yellowstone and its splendor in all seasons. Private vehicle access and mass transportation are options. And please decide on a timely basis so the public can be adequately informed. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128715 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 11 Without the winter time access on snowmobiles how would this affect the towns around the park? Tell me when snowmobiling was at its peak what was the annual revenue of the business at west Yellowstone come pared to 2009 revenues? West Yellowstone is a ghost town compared to 1995-6-7-8? Please if you need calcification on any of my points please contact me!

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128973 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: It is the position of the Park County Commission that Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park's resources are underutilized, thereby depriving the public from enjoying their National Parks and at the same time causing great economic harm to the Gateway Communities, Counties and the surrounding states.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128976 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While we support and applaud the National Park Service for their efforts in achieving a balance of winter use that provide a choice of transportation methods, what NPS has called balanced use during the Environmental Assessment has resulted in allocations that are simply not sufficient for the gateway communities to thrive. The current restricted level of 12 snowmobile allocations plus 13 snow coaches, businesses in Gardiner are being negatively impacted and employment opportunities are diminishing. The consequences of this decline in business in Gardiner has a much more far reaching visitor affect as it is limiting those who can come from throughout America. In addition, the requirement of guided only snowmobile allocations basically prohibits many residents of Park County from enjoying the beauty of Yellowstone in winter. The combination of extremely a low snowmobile allocation and the restriction to guided only snowmobile excursions has basically eliminated many of the citizens from enjoying the Park in the winter.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128978 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Park and Gallatin Counties in Montana are also feeling the impact as there are fewer people flying into the Bozeman Airport to see Yellowstone in the winter. Years ago, before the limitations were placed on snowmobiles in Yellowstone; deplaning passengers at the airport going to Yellowstone exceeded those going to the ski resorts. Those people rented cars, rode public transportation or if driving spent money throughout Park county on the way to Gardiner. Fewer visitors to Yellowstone have caused less spending in the county and a loss of jobs, especially in Gardiner.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128989 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In conclusion, we would like to say that Gardiner, who's economy is almost totally dependent on the public being able to visit Yellowstone, has been drastically crippled under the past winters of uncertainty and litigation. We believe there should be a balanced approach that also provides a choice of the mode of transportation that fits a visitor's desires. A choice of over-snow vehicles creates diversity that mitigated the concentrated visitor impacts. The exclusion of either over-snow vehicle is not appropriate. Thank you for your consideration of our suggestions.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 696 **Comment Id:** 126870 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for conducting a study on the impact winter use has on Yellowstone National Park. I have always enjoyed visiting the park and have had a desire to visit during the winter months. However, because of the cost it is a beauty I have yet been able to afford. Now with young children I'm afraid it is a beauty I will be unable to afford for many years to come.

Organization:

Commenter: Travis M Wilstead **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129284 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

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Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129285 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

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Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129286 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

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Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129294 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

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Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129345 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Lack of Non-Commercial Access: We continue to believe that some level of private/non-commercial access for individuals is necessary if a long-term Winter Use Plan is going to be successful and sustainable. One specific part of this issue is that access by local residents has become difficult and unaffordable due to the fact winter visitors can access the Park's interior only through commercial operators, irrespective if they choose a snowcoach or a snowmobile as their transportation mode. The situation today is that we have only/solely 'tourists going through the Park either in a snowcoach or on a snowmobile' ? local residents have been shut out of their own backyard. That is wrong. It is therefore imperative that at least one alternative fairly and properly consider some level of non-commercial access to the park which can help local residents regain the ability to visit their local park which they love and support- and you do need their continued support if any new plan is going to be successful over the long-term. Access by the middle and lower class public has also become unaffordable through the '100% commercial use' policy since it forces all users to rent either expensive snowcoach seats or expensive snowmobiles with a guide. Winter access to Yellowstone's interior should not be for only the rich and the elite. The result has been that total winter visits have plummeted since 2004. At least one alternative should fairly and properly consider allowing non-commercial access by individuals and families so that Yellowstone does not continue to be only a 'rich

man's park' over the long-term.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1302 **Comment Id:** 128605 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Keeping snowmobiles out of the park does not meet the "equal access to all" requirement and it very seriously hurts the local economy of the towns nearby.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1531 **Comment Id:** 129385 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Additional Considerations The Cody Chamber and Park County Travel Council have invested thousands of dollars, particularly over the past five years, in promoting Cody as a winter destination. Having more recreation opportunities, and the unique experiences associated with a winter visit to Yellowstone, will only make Cody a more attractive destination that supports our local economy and allows people to experience the beauty an majesty of Yellowstone during its winter splendor. President Franklin D. Roosevelt supported the notion of supporting access to our treasured national parks, when he said: "There is nothing so American as our national parks. The scenery and wildlife are native. The fundamental idea behind the parks is native. It is, in brief, that the country belongs to the people, that it is in process of making for the enrichment of the lives of all of us. The parks stand as the outward symbol of this great human principle." The Cody Country Chamber of Commerce supports this point of view as well, especially as it applies to year-round access.

Organization: Cody Country Chamber of Commerce

Commenter: Kim Jones Tim Mahieu **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1078 **Comment Id:** 127793 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: West Yellowstone helps support the snowmobiling community not only in their area of land use, but also helps support other states recreational use in snowmobiling. In the town of West Yellowstone, its general income is higher than during the winter season and produces the most than any other season in West Yellowstone alone. With where we are at, in the state of our economy with the recession, no one can't afford to really do anything with all of the job opportunities that are all being taken, due to the unemployment fatality of our economy. No matter what the environmental costs are, which are very appropriate due to the Four cycle engine use and laws guiding it in the West Yellowstone area. We cannot take away people's most avid recreational sport in West Yellowstone,

which is snowmobiling. If you take away snowmobiling you will causing more harm than you expect.

Organization: McCall Area Snowmobiling Club

Commenter: Michael J Stathis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1078 **Comment Id:** 127794 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If it wasn't for the fact of the World expo that is held every year in West Yellowstone supporting the Mountain West Race Circuit Snowcross race and the annual West Yellowstone Snowmobile drag races, there wouldn't be such a diverse population that there is in Yellowstone every late spring. The World Snowmobiling Expo help out our business from McCall, Idaho. It gave us the opportunity to diversify our business and help sell our brand name product of our business "Polaris Industries," to help get our business and name out to the public. A small margin of our sales were from people that were incorporated with West Yellowstone, that either lived there, raced snowmobiles there, or even visited watching all of the competitive sports that took place. It help me get to where I am at today, which is college. I am now a senior at the University of Idaho, and initial plans on trying to support sport which is "Snowmobiling," and possibly get back in business to help the industry out. Please do not take our trail rights away. The government may have public land up for grabs, but those different types of public lands give us all a part of living that we enjoy the most. Your actions on taking away the West Yellowstone snowmobile trail systems will not only stop the sport of snowmobiling, but it will also kill the economy of West Yellowstone, and make it a ghost town and make it be no more. Thank you for your time to let you here out my buyist and conservative ways of thinking, but think about putting yourselves in our shoes for once, just once, and see where I am coming from. Thank you again

Organization: McCall Area Snowmobiling Club

Commenter: Michael J Stathis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126862 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am sensitive to the issues that local businesses have raised about employment and revenue. However the park's management must take a broader view. We now have a wonderful opportunity to craft protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1589 **Comment Id:** 129847 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please incorporate into any analysis the impacts that inconsistent direction and regulatory uncertainty are having on potential visitors to the park and the tourism industry. Changing limits, ongoing challenges and a lack of clear opportunities to visit causes uncertainty in visitor trip planning and has an associated impact on tourism because they cannot consistently market and communicate opportunities. Uncertainty associated with resolving this issue is having a clear fiscal impact on surrounding communities.

Organization: Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Commenter: Chas Van Genderen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129636 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We do not view the Temporary plan as a success because overall winter visitation to Yellowstone has declined over the past five years by nearly fifty percent (minus nearly 47,000 visitors). This translates to a nearly \$600,000 decrease in park entrance revenues (the most recent 06/07 season revenue as compared to five years ago).

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 964 **Comment Id:** 128009 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Furthermore, the economics of this issue are hitting Park County Wyoming (of which is my home) very hard. Numerous guest lodges have closed their doors in the winter and some altogether. The changing regulations have created a nightmare for the few that remain. I plead with you to keep YNP open in the winter for motorized use. It is important for our local economy, for disabled persons, and most importantly, National Parks such as Yellowstone were created for the "enjoyment of the people."

Organization: Park County Farm Bureau Federation

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129531 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: This under utilization has also created an untenable situation in the West Yellowstone economy. With a mere 160 snowmobile entries per day and the failure of snowcoaches to take up the

slack of the reduced snowmobile numbers, we have had 12 lodging facilities, 6 restaurants, and a number of gift shops close their doors. These closures and cut backs in operations are causing increased unemployment and/or significant cutbacks in employee hours. The snowmobile and snowcoach has been a main economic engine driving commerce in West Yellowstone. Visitors come from throughout American and beyond to see the beauties of Yellowstone in the winter and spend time and money here. An important part of that experience is the fun of over snow travel, unique to this Park because of harsh winter conditions. This allows the public to witness first-hand what the animal world experiences every day of their lives.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129563 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In conclusion I would like to say that West Yellowstone, who's economy is almost totally dependent on the public being able to visit Yellowstone, has been drastically crippled under the past winters of uncertainty and litigation.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128891 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A key goal of our organization has been to develop projects and ideas that diversify the economy of West Yellowstone and broaden its base. We are pursuing this goal because we believe a diverse economy is a healthy economy. Recently, we have been forced to seek diversification at a more extreme pace because of the lost revenue caused by the curtailment of snowmobile access into Yellowstone National Park. Access into the Park in the summer and the winter, by snowmobile, snow coach, or any other means, has been and still is the most important component of the West Yellowstone economy. For this reason, the key issue for us in regards to the EIS is access to the Park. The West Yellowstone community has a very large stake in the health and vitality of the Park. We support the National Park Service (NPS) efforts in managing the Park for the good of all. However, it is our belief that the Park is vastly underutilized in the winter season. Consequently many lodging, restaurant, equipment rental, and gift shop businesses are no longer open in the winter. School enrollment is in decline. This community simply cannot survive with the current level of Park access that is being allowed during the winter time.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128896 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: WYED has been very diligent and has had some success with innovative ideas such as the very successful Buffalo Roam project and leading the campaign to establish a Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) in West Yellowstone. We are also looking forward to developing an education project in West Yellowstone because we know the Park hosts hundreds of scientists and educators from around the world every year. There are other projects as well, but most of them rely on access to the Park. In all reality, there is nothing that can take the place of Yellowstone National Park as the major economic engine for our gateway community and it all begins with access. More to the point, it all begins with increased access compared to what has been available over the past several years.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128897 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The decrease in access has been easy to measure and reflects very disturbing trends. Winter visitation has declined to just 26,732 snowmobile and snow coach visitors in 2008-2009 from 70,365 snowmobile and snow coach visitors in 2001-2002. Through February 2010, West Gate snowmobile visitors had decreased nearly 3.5 percent while snow coach visitors had only increased two percent over the previous winter season. We can only assume the final year-end figures for the 2009/2010 winter season will be down because of the 160 cap on snowmobiles this year with only a slight increase in snow coach passengers. Resort Tax revenue collections have experienced negative growth in the past two years and very little growth in the prior three years. Due to uncertainty and a range of litigation that only spurs on uncertainty along with low snowmobile quotas, winter visitation to the Park via the West Yellowstone gate has declined about 60 percent over the past decade. If the Park exists for the public to enjoy in both the winter and the summer, the trends are moving in entirely the wrong direction despite the record number of summer visitors.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128899 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We feel the NPS and most businesses and observers in the Greater Yellowstone Basin understand the core problems. Rather than continuing to re-hash the problems, WYED would like to propose some solutions for your consideration. It is imperative that our community be able to provide goods and services to a much larger audience in order to be sustained economically. Our gateway community needs to be vibrant and economically healthy on a year-round basis in order to provide the visitor with a great Park experience. From past experience, we know that an economically

sustainable number of winter visitors for the Town of West Yellowstone is a minimum of 60,000 snowmobile and snow coach visitors going through the West Gate. We presently serve less than half this amount due in part to limited access. The key to achieving this sustainable number of winter visitors is increased access to the Park.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128900 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We are appreciative of the NPS efforts to keep winter access open with a balance of winter use that includes snowmobiles and snow coaches. We recognize Superintendent Suzanne Lewis' October 15, 2009 comments to "Response to Form letters" that states there are reasons to support both modes of over the snow vehicle travel. We know from experience that the number of daily visitors permitted in the winter with over the snow vehicles must be allowed to increase in order for West Yellowstone to remain financially viable as a community and to improve the Park experience. If the numbers of daily snowmobiles and snow coaches are not increased or if the proposed numbers (whether they are sufficiently high enough or not) are instantly and continually litigated, the end result will be limited access to the Park which in turn will continue to negatively impact the West Yellowstone community. This is the status quo and it is not working. No one wins if the status quo of the past several years is continued.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1434 **Comment Id:** 129058 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The latest rule limiting the number of snowmobiles to 318 machines a day has crippled all the gate communities. My business alone had to lay off 16 full and part time people. Many left the area had to leave their homes to find work elsewhere and those that stayed had to collecting unemployment insurance, since there were no new jobs in West Yellowstone. This low number is unsustainable for my long term business model, my employees and every business in West Yellowstone. The new long term plan must raise this number significantly to maintain a viable year round economy.

Organization:

Commenter: David McCray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 967 **Comment Id:** 128013 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The Daily Chronicle in Bozeman wrote that the business people in West Yellowstone do not agree that plowing would help winter business. It does defy common sense to imagine that all of the snowmobiling businesses, upon which West Yellowstone relies so heavily, would be helped in any way by plowing roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine R Weeden **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 779 **Comment Id:** 127132 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Because of the decreased numbers of snowmobiles allowed in the park the cost of renting a snowmobile went up so the number of tourists fell dramatically. I can even do the math. In my opinion snowmobiling in the park has become something for the rich people. This just doesn't work. The park is for everyone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1657 **Comment Id:** 129953 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The current guided service requirement has reduced, and in some cases eliminated, the ability of park visitors to explore YNP on their own. Many potential visitors have been driven away by this requirement and the high cost of BAT rental machines and additional guide service.

Organization: Fremont County

Commenter: Paul Romrell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129130 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My observation has been affordable winter access to Yellowstone by individuals has been lost over the last decade and that ? not the question of motorized access or not ? should become the driving issue for this planning process. Yellowstone's magnificent winter season should not be an experience for only the elite who can afford to pay ? but that is what it has become.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 770 **Comment Id:** 127109 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We live in Bozeman, a town 90 miles from the Park whose economy depends in large part on Park tourism. As locals, we are also lucky enough to enjoy the Park ourselves, whether skiing or taking a snowcoach in winter, hiking in summer, or wildlife viewing in all seasons. Until the snowmobile numbers decreased, we never wanted to visit the Park in the winter, due particularly to their noise and speed. Especially in winter when auto use declines and the snow and cold encourage quiet, the noise of many motors is not just personally annoying but seems anathema to the whole atmosphere the Park should represent for wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1332 **Comment Id:** 128839 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am a business owner and i employ up to ten people but have to reduce the winter employee's to three because of hardship from reduced revenue from our winter clientele. i can say that i cannot support the current idea for management because it has been a disaster to our local economy

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1139 **Comment Id:** 127991 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We are an economic Boost to Yellowstone Venders ,restaurants ,Motels, Gas stations Etc.. During this economic hard time we spend money for all these .

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1138 **Comment Id:** 127986 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is an invigorating and involved sport. It is full of die-hards as well as families who enjoy the thrill of exploring nature and the outdoors during the winter when most people shut themselves inside. Snowmobiling brings millions of dollars to the local economies and boosts tourism all seasons of the year as once people experience parks such as Yellowstone in the winter, they want to come back and enjoy the park other times during the year.

Organization: Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1032 **Comment Id:** 126272 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Along with having access to the Park, which our tax dollars pay for, the impact on the families and businesses could be devastating to the surrounding communities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 911 **Comment Id:** 127908 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: While we support the balanced approach the NPS has taken during the Environmental Assessment, the number allocations are simply not sufficient to thrive as a community. At the current restricted level of 160 snowmobile allocations plus the number of snowcoach visitors our community and businesses are slowly closing their doors? 12 lodging facilities, 6 restaurants, and a number of gift shops already. Employment opportunities are diminishing. The consequences of this deadline in business in West Yellowstone has a much more far reaching visitor affect as it is limiting those who can come from throughout America. We, as individual concessionaries, have not been able to accommodate visitor requests due to rigid low daily caps.

Organization: West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 911 **Comment Id:** 127925 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In conclusion we would like to say that West Yellowstone, who's economy is almost totally dependent on the public being able to visit Yellowstone, has been drastically crippled under the past winters of uncertainty and litigation.

Organization: West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127389 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel that the economic well being of the area communities should outweigh any real or imagined impact of the snowmobiles in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1028 **Comment Id:** 126259 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Our group enjoys visiting Yellowstone each and every year. Although we may not enter the park to ride each and every year by limiting or eliminating snowmobiles in the park it effects the economic viability of the businesses in West Yellowstone. Reducing the number of visitors will reduce the number of businesses that stay open on the winter time to service visitors who do enjoy to visit in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 833 **Comment Id:** 127377 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Given the current winter use plan, a high majority of people do not have access. A case in point: according the Bureau of Labor Statistics the average wage in the United States is \$15.57 per hour/ \$32,390.00 per year (Retrieved March 16, 2010 from: <http://stats.bls.gov/oes/>). The table below defines the average poverty rate (2007-2008) in clusters of states from coast to coast. Taking into consideration the economic status of most Americans in 2010 it is inevitable that the current rates are higher. Northeast Maine 27% Vermont 23% Southeast Georgia 33% Tennessee 36% Midwest/Central Iowa 28% Wisconsin 24% Northwest Montana 26% Wyoming 25% Southwest Arizona 38% Oklahoma 31% (<http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparebar.jsp?ind=11&cat=1>) On average, the cost for a family of four to access YNP during the winter season can range from \$400.00 to \$600.00 for a one day excursion. This does not include the park entrance fee or any other expenses it is simply what it might cost four people to enter via snowcoach or snowmachine. Given the above statistics it is reasonable to conclude that access to YNP is denied to many Americans because they have to pay for guide service and/or transportation service. In a country that abhors discrimination of any kind, people without sufficient economic resources are being discriminated against accessing YNP, a land that they have ownership of.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 833 **Comment Id:** 127379 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand the argument for limiting winter access is in theory, for protection of park resources and the ecosystem. But considering that 3,905,910 individuals entered the park (NPS

Annual Report) in 2009 I have a difficult time understanding the rational or logic of limited winter access. If 3.9 million visitors can enter the park in cars, trucks, busses, and recreational vehicles without a guide service and "vehicle fees" then why should winter use be otherwise? Because of the access restrictions; the mandate for entrance only with a guide; and the exhorbant cost of transportation into the park most American families are priced out of their park. I am an educator in Montana and have never been able to afford to go into the interior of the park during the winter nor do I know anyone in my circle of family and friends who can either. The current system is vastly unfair, inequitable, and highly discriminatory toward Americans who can't afford the cost of winter access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 104 **Comment Id:** 126908 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The current winter use is a complete waste of tax dollars and prices most people out of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 104 **Comment Id:** 126914 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are not affordable mass transportation as the NPS stated in on of their many plans.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1306 **Comment Id:** 128619 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I was appalled to hear that to take the snowcoach thru the park cost \$220.00 a person making this an experience most families can't afford. Even having to use a guide when riding a sled is expensive and unjustified.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Arlen Wentz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1123 **Comment Id:** 127923 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: By closing Yellowstone to Snowmobilers, please think about the economical impact this will have on your local economy. People will be forced to take their snowmobiling elsewhere. In fact, many US snowmobilers take trips to Canada. Canada has been much more snowmobile friendly over the last 20 years than the US has been. All one has to do to verify this is take a look at the wilderness boundaries and closed to motorized areas on a map. Take a look at my home state (Washington) Most of us here have to take Snowmobile vacations due to the lack of good riding we have here. This closure will only make more people head for Canada.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles D Brickles **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 293 **Comment Id:** 127587 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The park system was set up for all visitors regardless of their economic circumstance. The price of over-the-snow tours is prohibitive for many, many visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 47 **Comment Id:** 129518 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have always thought, ever since snowmobiles were allowed into the Parks, that snowmobiling was wrong and that the gateway communities were very shortsighted about the impact on the Parks. That is to say, it is all well and good to have a business that can sustain itself during the winter by renting snowmobiles, but I consider it a false economy that should never have been started in the first place in this particular case. I find it greedy and certainly not in the best interest of these gateway town's biggest asset, the Parks.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Janice Gingerich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1218 **Comment Id:** 126372 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling used to be a low cost version of recreation and enjoyment. Today it seems costs have become enormous, so much so that it's been 20 years since I've been in the park in winter.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Travis L Struckman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1218 **Comment Id:** 126373 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We have been reduced to tourism as one of the last ways to survive and Yellowstone has a drastic impact. Winter use in the Park has a more drastic footprint than just IT's borders. Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, the entire states and their residents , have a deeply rooted affair with that particular piece of the world. Gardiner or West or Jackson are just the communities directly involved. It goes much further. With-out winter uses ,the Park is under appreciated and we citizens will continue to starve. Cody will serve as a prime example here. West Yellowstone could be worse off. This is just a small link in the chain, but ultimately even an impact on the Parks future survival. If the people can't survive, it would be difficult for the Park to do the same. Same goes for the Park Service. The wolf watchers and wilderness zealots can't sustain the Park and Idaho and Montana and Wyoming....I want everyone to see ME hunting those wolves! Not in the park of course.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Travis L Struckman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1205 **Comment Id:** 126398 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am concerned that the current Yellowstone Winter use plan does not allow the general public the opportunity of observing the unique winter Yellowstone landscape. The cost for a family of four to currently visit the park in the winter is over \$400.00 which precludes the average American family from visiting the park during the winter season.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127785 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I looked into taking one of the snow coach tours this winter with my wife and kids. I was absolutely disgusted with the prices of both the Snowcoach tours and the Snowmobile tours. There are certain experiences in the park that you can only get in the winter. If things stay the way they are I don't know when I will be able to afford to take the trip with my wife and kids.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 419 **Comment Id:** 128587 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I support the idea of plowing the western side of the park, especially from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. I have long wished to experience Yellowstone in winter but it has been beyond my means financially to do so via the tours. If the roads were plowed then I could drive my own car, making it more affordable. We currently make two trips to Yellowstone each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. I believe that we, as well as others, would transfer one of those trips to the wintertime, thus reducing the pressure from the number of visitors at other times of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Ron Case **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1202 **Comment Id:** 126533 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Since the winter of 2004, Fremont County's rental snowmobile registrations have plummeted. In 2003, snowmobile rentals peaked at 1,133 rental designations. In 2008-2009, rental snowmobile designations totaled 633. This loss resulted in a \$16,000 dollar loss to the Fremont County Snowmobile Program which represents a 6% loss in revenue.

Organization: Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

Commenter: David W Claycomb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1200 **Comment Id:** 126337 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: And I think it pays to note the economic impact this will also cause. This would cause a great strain on the town of West Yellowstone itself. Not to mention the surrounding communities like Bozeman. This will effect everything from restaurants and hotels to the gas station on the corner and even the motorsports dealerships.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127617 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is really sad to see what has happened to the businesses in West Yellowstone over the years in the winter, most have had to close shop in the winter, due to lack of visitors, which in turn makes even less people return, translation bad for business all the way around...there has got to be a better solution than to punish the winter visitors, who would like to return year after year again as they

have in the past.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127618 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: as it stands it is not economically feasible for my family to be able to afford to return under the expenses of the current situation, although we would love to.....there is always something new to see every year around every corner in winter or summer in yellowstone or any mountains for that fact, the beauty is ever changing, that's why they call it nature...there will always be opposition on both sides of any struggle, but it needs to be made fair on both sides. It is really hard for me to think that I may not be able to visit the park in winter again, when I have been coming there since before I could walk...

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127599 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobile travel in Yellowstone National Park made winters profitable to the businesses in West Yellowstone. The current restrictions and uncertainty have taken away jobs from West Yellowstone. In these tough economic times, restrictions and uncertainty have made a bad situation worse. The shoulder seasons are always tough economically in areas dependent on tourism. The Yellowstone Winter Travel restriction shave made the shoulder seasons longer and the peak winter season less profitable for the businesses and people working in West Yellowstone and much less enjoyable to the people who would like to visit the park during the winter months to avoid crowds and to see it in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 884 **Comment Id:** 127592 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some people argue that the cost of taking a snow coach tour is not affordable for the masses. These are frequently the same people that want to be able to take their snowmobiles into the mark sans guide. One can purchase a lot of rides into Old Faithful for the cost of one snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Roger A Jenkins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 883 **Comment Id:** 127583 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: For those tourists visiting from the Jackson and Cody entrances to Yellowstone Park, they would benefit by visiting in the old style. This would at least keep these two towns economically viable. It would increase snow mobile numbers available to them because of the reduced need by West Yellowstone. With such a plan in place the economies of all the towns around Yellowstone Park would not be damaged to badly. There would be an increase in visitor usage, increased entrance fee revenues, a decrease in the purchase of special use equipment and a better Yellowstone Park, community relationship.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 325 **Comment Id:** 126458 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Now that the community's have invested in building up this supportive structure for the park's summer and winters user's you now choose to limit winter visitor's access by placing many restriction limits on the numbers and ways to use the park! It is no longer for john Q public! It has been priced out of our range and has been placed in a range a almost exclusive access, for families it is no longer even a consideration, costing from \$85-115 for a snow coach to up to \$160-190 for a snowmobile. Before the restrictions a family from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah could bring there own snowmobiles up and spend three or four days in our areas, one or two in the park and a couple outside but still using West Yellowstone, and the other park accesses, keeping our facility and inter-structure up and running year long, but since you've cut down the number of people allowed in and the kind of machines there allowed to use, they have stopped coming! Which means we have the same expenses for the services we provide year round but only 1/3 the number of people use to have in the winter season visit our area which puts a big strain on the community ability to provide all the services needed as a year round destination?

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Slevin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1197 **Comment Id:** 126545 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone in the winter is only accessible to the elite who can afford a guide or who want to ride a snow coach. Unless Yellowstone is opened back up to the public and private snowmobiles and tracked UTVs it's essentially closed to me. You may as well close all the public

facilities and make it a wilderness.

Organization:

Commenter: John D Fronk **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1178 **Comment Id:** 128108 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Did anyone even stop to think about what this has done to the winter industry in the area? I have been in and around West Yellowstone snowmobiling for years and the last few years since the park has been so restricted it has KILLED the local business. The local economy is really suffering because of the stupid blind decisions of some people that have NEVER even seen the beauty of the park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 729 **Comment Id:** 127034 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I know there are economic ramifications for west Yellowstone, but it seems to me, that those in business can see the writing on the wall and will adapt. If you look at the past, and in many NPs this has been the case. Many wish to talk doom and gloom, but, in reality the economics of business dictates.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1153 **Comment Id:** 128045 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Also, be mindful of the local businesses who have always been a staple in many successful trips. The choice to ban snowmobiling would put a dent in the winter season's income to the region, I know what I spend over a weekend away, it adds up. Thanks for the opportunity to have a say, Hope to ride the park next season. Tyler.

Organization:

Commenter: Tyler N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1057 **Comment Id:** 127767 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We had been good stewards we should be treated that way and with respect. In these difficult economic time we need to take the opportunity to support recreation were we can and to support the local communities that could create new jobs the fill the historic jobs that were lost when the park service started down this road.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 854 **Comment Id:** 127481 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose of the park is not to support the economy of West Yellowstone nor any other community and the wishes of those communities to utilize a national park to further enhance their economic standing should NOT be of import that relegates the needs of wildlife health to a secondary status. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide this input.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott Swanson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 402 **Comment Id:** 127650 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The continual back and forth rulings on snowmobile and snowcoach usage in the Park over the last 10 years has literally put hundreds of people out of work and shuttered many businesses. The Park should be accessible to everyone, not just those that can afford it.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1051 **Comment Id:** 126297 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have friends that live in West Yellowstone who rely on the Park for their lively hood and have seen a dramatic change over the years with all the restriction imposed on the park that affects business there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 965 **Comment Id:** 128338 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Having worked as a winter guide in everything from Matrax vans to modernized Bombardiers running the latest-generation fuel efficient engines, I know that oversnow vehicles are prohibitively expensive to effectively provide transportation for the majority of Park visitors. The cost of operating snowcoaches that get 1-4 mpg and are expensive to buy, modify, and maintain, and of using snowmobiles that cost upwards of \$8-\$10,000 (2-strokes are just as pricy), while having to recover costs during a very short winter season, makes over the snow travel necessarily expensive for the businesses that provide these services. Those expenses are necessarily reflected in rates charged to visitors for these services, otherwise the business wouldn't be sustainable.

Organization:

Commenter: David E Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 965 **Comment Id:** 128352 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: There is also a difference in the increased visitation the gateway communities would see from winter private vehicle access. These winter visitors will have a much more dramatic effect on the gateway economies than a comparable increase in summer visitation would, because to a person almost every one of these folks will be staying in a hotel and eating out for at least one meal. Very few winter visitors are going to be camping out or traveling in RV's. It's not realistic for most people, but hotels and restaurants certainly are.

Organization:

Commenter: David E Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 963 **Comment Id:** 128372 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Today I frequent the Park about once a month for the 7 months that I have access, and a few snowshoeing forays into the Cave Falls area at times, but it is not possible financially for me to go in on sleds or via snowcoach. The cost of \$120 to \$240 is beyond my budget for a day trip into the Park. I am not poor, not am I rich, but I do work every day here at my resort, especially these last few years, having had to take on many roles that I would gladly hire out, but without the funding to do so. So while I would sincerely enjoy taking a day and seeing Old Faithful Rush to life, spend an hour listening to the creek roll by, and watch the buffalo as I do in the spring, summer and fall months. It is not an achievable goal. Am I stubborn to not pay the dues? I think not, who decided that \$225 was a reasonable amount to pay to enjoy a snowmobile trip to Old Faithful? I take a majority of the calls at our lodge for our resort. 26 cabins, full service restaurant, and 1000's of guests a year. This year, I have not had one guest decide to visit the Park through my conversation or persuasion due to the cost. Not wishing to offend them I always offer the snowcoaches first, then tell them that for slightly more they can ride double into the Park with a guided tour. Each and every time this year, when I arrived at the

"estimate" cost, this would not include, tax, tip, entrance fee, who knows maybe they have a season pass? They usually and in all cases this year declined to visit. How do I market to a plan that is so out of reach for the "average Joe"?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 767 **Comment Id:** 127095 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter use of Yellowstone National Park has been a contentious issue in the town of West Yellowstone, MT for many years. On one hand, you have a few business owners in town that have permits to guide people into the park and insist that traveling into the park via snowmobile or snowcoach is the way it has always been done, and should continue that way. They also believe that the numbers allowed should be increased. On the other extreme, you have groups that would like nothing more than the total closing of Yellowstone during the winter so people can enjoy the quiet wilderness experience that winter in Yellowstone has to offer. I believe they are both on the wrong track; however, both can be accommodated.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Watson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 767 **Comment Id:** 127097 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling and traveling by snowcoach into Yellowstone with a guide is an expensive proposition that many average Americans cannot afford. I believe that this practice has favored a few business people in West Yellowstone, to the exclusion of many. There are hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails surrounding West Yellowstone that can be accessed either with or without a guide. The business owners that currently guide people into the park could market their services guiding people into the surrounding National Forest land.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Watson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 767 **Comment Id:** 127100 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Increased visitation would benefit all the open businesses in West Yellowstone and could make it profitable for additional businesses to remain open in town during the winter. The money families would save by using their own vehicles to enter the park could be spent in restaurants, gift shops, the IMAX, the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center and extending their stay at local motels.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Watson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 231 **Comment Id:** 126722 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The road plowing is cheaper than trail grooming and would create more economic opportunity for the communities and companies that provide the support to Yellowstone's visitors. This would also allow the public to a year round access, something that should be happening already.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 231 **Comment Id:** 126723 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I understand there are many considerations that have to be taken into account and I don't envy the process you have before you. Please consider this and all public input as you make a decision that will ultimately affect the future of Yellowstone, the public's access to the park, and the economic effects to the supporting communities, businesses and families who call this area home.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 287 **Comment Id:** 127630 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am commenting on the winter use plan because I want to visit the park during the winter but currently cannot afford it. I think the average cost per day per person is about \$150-\$175, based on a three day weekend trip to Old Faithful in January of 2006. This is far too expensive when compared to approximately \$50/day during the summer (including gas and campground but not food brought along). The \$150-\$175/day/person is the least expensive we could make it (stayed in a cabin instead of the inn/lodge, brought our own dinners, etc).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 373 **Comment Id:** 126664 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The philosophy of the park should be availability to all. Presently, winter access is available to the wealthy who can afford snow coach rides or snowmobile guides.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 227 **Comment Id:** 127953 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The gateway communities will benefit from open access to our nation's first national park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AE22500 Affected Environment: Visitor Use and Experience (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 1229 **Comment Id:** 126525 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: why with all the new low carbon emitting snowmobiles are the lefty environmentalists trying to stop the public from enjoying the park. we stay on roads. and for people with physical limitations it lets you get out into the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 355 **Comment Id:** 126616 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: After a fourteen year wait, my husband and I were finally able to take a trip of a lifetime and tour Yellowstone on snowmobile. Being avid snowmobilers our tour guide informed us that the number of snowmobiles allowed in the park has been decreased. Before our trip, President Obama in his State of the Union Address, stated he wants more jobs held in the United States and talked about job creation. If the number of snowmobiles is decreasing isn't this taking jobs away? I was made aware the town of West Yellowstone used to be a very highlighted snowmobile town. Since the decrease of snowmobiles you have decreased the livelihood for these towns. These towns, businesses, snowmobile tour companies and guides all depend on people like my husband and I to come and view the beauty of Yellowstone National Park in the winter time. Our guide was excellent and I am very pleased with the tour company I chose, Old Faithful Snowmobile Tours. The sleds were in top condition abiding by all regulations including speed inside the park. Being educated about four stroke motors with their cleanliness and noise reduction I truly agree with these regulations.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 354 **Comment Id:** 126613 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a Bozeman cross-country skier I've enjoyed the access to the unique beauty of Yellowstone in winter both by car in the north and by snowcoach to Old Faithful. I am also a "starving grad student" but in the past six years have on three occasions taken long weekends with my parents and friends to the Snow Lodge to explore the vast ski trail system there (I've skied all but Mallard Lake). My parents took their first winter trip in the late 70s from South Dakota to the Snow Lodge in its first years of operation. At that time they stayed in old dormitories and cabins. When we went back in 2004, almost twenty years later, the scene had changed. The Snow Lodge is beautiful, the food is delicious, and the price is right up there with it. This however could not stop them from two return trips with others in the next four years for this amazing experience (my Dad claims the Divide Trail to be one of the most beautiful anywhere). There is nothing like skiing through snow only to walk your skis through grass at a hot spot.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 259 **Comment Id:** 127549 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The "Winter Experience" is one that people plan for and save their money to participate in because they know they will have the chance to value Yellowstone in a properly controlled environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 287 **Comment Id:** 127631 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Finally, because of the snowcoach schedules, we got only one day of "free-time" to explore the park on snowshoes. Because of this expense, we have not been able to visit in the winter again. Because of the schedules, it's not worth it to spend a three-day weekend in the park when we only get one-day of exploring. And it was such an OUTSTANDING experience to see the park in the winter (on snowshoes/skis, not machines, thank you)!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 747 **Comment Id:** 127059 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've been a visitor in all seasons to Yellowstone for over 30 years. I courted my wife and raised my children around adventures to Yellowstone, and have enjoyed quiet recreation for all these many years. Whether paddling Yellowstone Lake, hiking away from the crowds or skiing on winter trails, we've always enjoyed the special place that is the Yellowstone ecosystem, even though we've got Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park right out our back door. In support of quiet recreation and clean air, maybe we can get personal vehicles excluded even during the summer months. At any rate, enough is enough. We've gotten our studies completed, and our legal authority adjudicated. Let's get on with it, and ban snowmobiles from the park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 496 **Comment Id:** 128793 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: When we visited Yellowstone we took the snow coaches in and cross-country skied. It was magical. The only part we didn't like was the presence of snowmobiles with their noise and exhaust.

Organization: Thiss Associates Inc.

Commenter: Thomas Thiss **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 129384 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I hope I can snowmobile there again someday. There is nothing more thrilling than seeing buffalo grazing on the steaming winter landscape and then sharing the road with you, or turning off your transportation to sit and watch a moose wading in water with the quiet of winter birds and trees around you.

Organization:

Commenter: Sara Adlington **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 351 **Comment Id:** 126606 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider allowing wheeled motor vehicles in Yellowstone during the winter months. Plowing may be cheaper than the current grooming and provides access affordable to more

people. The current requirements involving snow coaches and guided snowmobile trips are expensive and do not allow the visitor to linger over a view or wait for an opportunity to view wildlife. As a skier I would love access to the Old Faithfull area by passenger car in winter to take advantage of the amazing touring opportunities the park offers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126576 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This letter is to demonstrate my support for the cessation of snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park. I have been a frequent winter traveler to the park since the early eighties and moved to Wyoming fourteen years ago, in part to be near this magnificent treasure with all of its recreational and scenic opportunities. Since my first trip in 1983, I have been saddened to observe the steady degradation of the park's wilderness quality as snowmobile use has continued to increase. I am an avid cross-country skier who has gone to these wild places to seek solitude and silence. While some might argue that these qualities are not incompatible with snowmobile traffic, there does not seem to be any place in the park where the sound of snowmobiles is not present in contrast to the otherwise pristine landscape of winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126578 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I was pleased when the park service modified snowmobile rules a few years ago to require quieter engines and limit parties to outfitter supervision. When I visited two years ago, I was disappointed to see that this restriction actually seemed to increase the noise pollution, as the snowmobile were all assembled in very large groups, rather than dispersed. While I hope this practice has limited air pollution and impact on wildlife, it has further compromised the wilderness quality that many visitors to Yellowstone seek.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126579 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a resident of the Big Horn Basin, I understand the economic concerns that motivate the efforts to limit restrictions, and I am well aware that my opposition to snowmobiles in the park is a minority opinion in my community. It is work remembering, however, that most visitors to

Yellowstone throughout the year go there to experience the magic of a landscape that is preserved and protected, as the park service has always mandated. It is hard to imagine that ongoing degradation would not have an impact, at some point, on total numbers who visit the park annually. I appreciate the park service's review of these rules and the opportunity to provide input. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 334 **Comment Id:** 126562 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My first trip to Yellowstone was in February of 1986. I drove up from California in a VW bug and skied in two days to Old Faithful. The weather was cold and there weren't many snowmobiles. I camped for 3 nights. The temperature dropped to 30 below on two nights. I skied around Old Faithful and out to another geyser basin. I rode a snowcoach out during some really bad weather and then rode one back in the next week and skied out. I had a wonderful time and learned a lot. I wasn't a hippie or an elite athlete and I don't have any expensive gear and I wasn't a very good skier ? I just wanted to see the park, and I did! My method would be "accessible" to a lot more Americans than riding in on their snowmobile, and safer, too.

Organization:

Commenter: Dolly Chapman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 302 **Comment Id:** 126345 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see the roads plowed to Old Faithful so that more people could afford to enjoy Yellowstone in the winter.(As it is it costs close to 300.00 dollars a day per person to see the park now) The North entrance is being plowed already and has been for years with much success, there is no reason the corridor from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful could not be plowed as well. This would allow affordable access to to most all citizens. And after all the park belongs to the citizens.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 301 **Comment Id:** 126344 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This would also (I bet) be cheaper than grooming the snow trails. This would allow people without the funds to pay for snow coaches to enjoy the beauty and wonders of this great park year around. Maybe this would also spread out the visitors so the park would not be so congested in the summer time. I for one would love to be able to drive into Old Faithful in the winter, stay in the lodge

and spend a great vacation snow shoeing and cross country skiing in the various areas in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 193 **Comment Id:** 129217 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I've read the literature that says that the snow coach drivers can provide an "educational experience." However, that educational experience is a standardized one. Visitors, whether first-time or experienced, are forced into the same shared experience. Visitors are not allowed to involve themselves with winter in Yellowstone on an individualized basis. For example, if a visitor wants to simply sit and watch swans floating in the Madison or Firehole River for several hours, that is not possible under the current use options limited to travel with either a guided snowmobile tour or with a snowcoach tour.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1446 **Comment Id:** 128888 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Superintendent Lewis, I am commenting on the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park, EIS statement. I am an avid back country skier and I spend more time visiting our public lands during the winter season than in summer. I cherish my time gliding along the flats and huffing and puffing up the snow covered slopes of Yosemite and Lassen National Parks. I can hear birdsong above my labored breath and snow hares wait and watch me before retreating. I specifically choose to travel greater distances from my home to find places where there are no snowmobiles, because sharing the space with the single stroke engines changes everything.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 277 **Comment Id:** 127402 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I love to cross country ski and I find snow mobiles very loud and destructive. I find it annoying and I do believe the wildlife would love to see them go away. As a Veterinarian I am tickled to come across the tracks of the wildlife let alone the actual animals out and about when I am skiing.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 219 **Comment Id:** 127291 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have very much enjoyed taking my children on cross-country ski trips into Yellowstone. They fully embrace my desire to keep the "wild" in "wilderness", and all the beauty of nature that can be experienced far from noise pollution, air pollution, as well as snow and water pollution.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1144 **Comment Id:** 128021 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Me and my family come out about every other year during the winter to snowmobile yellow stone, theres nothing like being there in the winter!!

Organization:

Commenter: jeff s donner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1143 **Comment Id:** 128020 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I also understand that there should be a limit to the number of snowmobiles into a great place like yellowstone, I myself find it to be a fantastic place in the winter time and it should be a place that the people can visit any time of the year. There are a lot of people who's income depend on the park being open year round. And I am truly here to tell you from first hand experience the animals are not alarmed with snowmobiles. thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1041 **Comment Id:** 126294 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Touring the park in a snowcoach is a very different experience and one that I did not find enjoyable. One of the things that I enjoyed the most was the lack of tourists (like ourselves) and the ability to go along at our own pace. By restricting access to the park by the tight limits placed on the snowmobiling public you are stealing the Yellowstone-in-the-wintertime experience from my children, grandchildren and generations to follow.

Organization: Beaverhead Sno-Riders

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 216 **Comment Id:** 126751 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I loved the park in the winter, but it was way to expensive and way way too noisy. I stopped visiting the park in winter after 1993 because of this.

Organization:

Commenter: clark t murray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 913 **Comment Id:** 127344 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Last year 3.3 million people visited Yellowstone Park, almost all from mid-April until November 8; over 500,000 people per month, almost 17,000 per day. How many visited the park in the 3 months of winter? Maybe 2 or 3 summer day's worth?

Organization:

Commenter: Michael J Weigand **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 837 **Comment Id:** 127393 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Even though I live within 8 miles of Yellowstone and stay here year round I simply can't afford to enjoy the park during 6 months of the year due to closures and the high prices associated with renting a snowmobile and hiring a guide or taking a coach into the park. If the park is truly for the people and not only the rich, please keep the park open year round, plow the roads and allow private vehicles access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 149 **Comment Id:** 129435 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I took a trip with a Wyoming Snowmobile Club...to see what really happens on an "unguided" experience. While no one was looking, riders were throwing their beer cans and chugging Schnapps about every 30 minutes. Forget about enjoying the wildlife. The only "wildlife" experience I

observed were drunk snowmobilers, driving 60 m.p.h. on the straight stretches..while no one was approaching from the opposite direction. No one was looking around at the unique features or scenery. No, they were driving like bats out of hell. For diversion, they were whipping up and down every small hillside....off the ungroomed roads. About 10 years ago, snowmobilers were using NPS facilities as a launching pad in the West Yellowstone area. NPS roofs became "jumps"...forget about the groomed trails.

Organization:

Commenter: Pine Tree Cafe N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 130 **Comment Id:** 129521 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am in strong disagreement that modern technology 4-stroke snowmobile use should be eliminated as a means for winter access to Yellowstone Park. One of the most fun and memorable outings our family (my wife and I and our 3 kids) ever had was the day we snowmobiled into the Park from West to Old Faithful. We were on "clean and quiet" 4 stroke snowmobiles (which obviously had plenty of power since we were "on-road" and 35 mph or below the whole way). The ability to be "independent", "outside", and "as a family" on snowmobiles (as opposed to dependent, inside, and with a group in a snow coach) made the day particularly fun and memorable. I wouldn't do the trip in a snow coach unless I had a big group with really young or old family members.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 528 **Comment Id:** 126499 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: My husband and I finally made that dream a reality about 13 years ago only to be sadly disap-pointed by the experience. The natural beauty and solitude were totally ruined by the constant roar of snowmobiles and their smelly exhaust. We could ski nowhere to escape the noise and pall of pollution.

Organization: Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Sandra S Tune **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 374 **Comment Id:** 126667 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On a recent trip to West Yellowstone in the winter (2006) we were not able to see the park in the winter. The timing of our visit did not coincide with the various options available to enter the park. The available tours and guiding services do not offer the flexibility needed to fully enjoy the park on short notice with only 4 hours to spare. If, for example as we did, if you are passing through

West Yellowstone from Bozeman to Driggs, there is currently no way to stop for a few hours leisurely visit to witness the beauty of the Park in winter. We are not snowmobilers, we are not retired with flexible extended vacation time, and we are also not interested in riding in a "snowcoach" that stops where they want to stop and leave when they want to leave. The cost, also, is an unfair burden on many of us with tight budgets.

Organization:

Commenter: Harry J Roberts **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1561 **Comment Id:** 129324 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Since the interim winter use plan has been in effect, I have visited YNP in winter travelling by snowcoach to SnowLodge where I cross-country skied for several days. I have also taken single day snowcoach rides into the Park during this time. Having seen commercially guided snowmobile groups in YNP during this time I can attest that this method of travel and enjoyment of the Park is a huge improvement from earlier years when snowmobile use was essentially unregulated and speed limit rules were largely unenforced. Based on my experienced and scientific evidence regarding the noise, pollution, and harassment of wildlife, and damage to park resources of unguided snowmobile use, I recommend that only commercially guided snowmobile use be permitted as in the current winter use plan. Under no conditions should citizen-guided snowmobiling be allowed. Due to the past evidence of inappropriate behavior (animal hazing, speeding, off-road travel, resource damage) by snowmobile riders and limited ability of the Park Service to enforce park rules, citizen-guided snowmobiles is untenable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1370 **Comment Id:** 127250 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have been in the park on snowmobiles several times, dating back to the last decade when "noisy and smokey" snowmobiles were allowed. While the smoke was a bit of a nuisance at the park entrances after cold startup of the sleds (the congestion did not help) the snowmobiles did nothing to disturb the wildlife. Bison would hardly move out of the way of the sleds, we were more scared of them. And any elk or deer were far enough off of roads to not be bothered whatsoever.

Organization:

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1118 **Comment Id:** 127909 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I visited the south entrance of the park at the Flagg Ranch. My wife had never been to Yellowstone National Park, so we decided to go. Upon arriving at the park we inquired with the staff at the ranch, why is the lodge boarded up and no dining room available. We asked if they were normally open during the winter, they said they were before the snowmobile access was restricted. We were told they use to have approximately 130 full time employees, and now they have five. We inquired about the cost to ride in the park, and were told we would have to rent sleds because our two stroke powered sleds were not allowed. Cost was approximately \$450.00 dollars to rent sleds and pay for a guide. WAY way to expensive. So we asked about the tracked van excursion, \$225.00 for the first person and \$180.00 for additional persons in a group. At this point my wife told me we would never again try to visit this park in the winter time, because it was absurd to spend that much money to see a National Park we can drive thru in our car in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 866 **Comment Id:** 127527 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: When thinking of a trip one would not often consider Yellowstone in the middle of the winter. After many years of snowmobiling in the Uintas and Cache national forests our family and another family decided to take a trip to yellowstone and ride into Old faithful, along with our families came a friend that only in his first year snowmobiling and from the East coast made the trek to West Yellowstone. My Family consisted of our daughter Victoria age 7 that had been riding sleds since she was 4, my wife Shelley that at the time was pregnant with our second daughter and myself. our friends Kim and Gary with there two sons at the ages of 9 and 15. and Mark that was new to the west. With the moderate speed of the trail and the terrific grooming my pregnant wife was able to witness the most beautiful winter scape she had ridin. One of my favorite pictures is Shelley standing at the sign to old faithful with her belly only covered by a heavy sweater, her bibs would not go around her belly, and daughter Victoria and myself. The baby turned out to be named Cheyenne. Although shortly after the trip we decided to move to California the memory of Yellstone is as clear as the beautiful days we spent in the park. Living in Utah the chance to go to yellowstone for vacation in the summer is always there in my life I have been to the park 10 times, Shelley has been to the park 6 times. We both think that the beauty of the park in the winter does not compare to the beauty of the rest of the other seasons.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael G Rose **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 521 **Comment Id:** 126481 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: While the limiting of snow mobiles to 10 with a guide and the Best Available technology has improved the situation, the long lines and noise of snow mobiles significantly impacted my winter experience there as well as the comfort of the wildlife.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1551 **Comment Id:** 129084 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a frequent visitor to YELLOWSTONE PARK (both in summer and winter over thirty years), I consider it my "favorite destination." However, I'm dismayed with what appears to me, to be simplistic and misleading "bickering" between snowmobile fans, and those who are against. To me, it's an irresolvable conflict, which prompts one to wonder, when and how did we lose sight of the primary objective of administering a National Park? The objective (which should over-ride all bickering) is how do we allow as many people as possible to visit in the winter, with minimal cost involved? The latter referring to the visitor present, complexity and costs have "ruined: the snowmobile operation.

Organization:

Commenter: J. Sloan Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 858 **Comment Id:** 127494 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As to snowmobile use in Yellowstone NP, I would like to add these thoughts. We, as a family, went into YNP by snowmobile over 20 years ago. We really enjoyed the experience. We have taken our kids and grandkids in several times until the restrictions were placed on the entry. Many times we made the loop ride all around the park. This is a thrill that should not be denied to anyone!! It is unique and a one of a kind. Over the years we have seen no damage to the area or the wildlife. It looks like nothing has changed. There are ways to handle the "crowds" without using limits. How does Disney handle increases? NOT by putting on limits. They figure changes that will enhance the experience! Lets try something like that. As a family, we do not want to have restrictions on our enjoyment of NATURE. Lets look at using the Park so everybody can enjoy it like we have.

Organization:

Commenter: Gordon Winlow **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 769 **Comment Id:** 127107 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The impact of snowmobiles on the environment and wildlife in Yellowstone has been debated enough. As a frequent visitor to the park and a supporter of the Yellowstone Assn., I have never wanted to visit during the winter months and be subjected to the noise and pollution caused by snowmobiles. As a concerned citizen who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced

motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 653 **Comment Id:** 126785 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To me Yellowstone in winter conjures up the smell of crisp, clean air; the soft silent whisper that only snow can bring; and the occasional footfall of an animal. You add in a dirty, smelly, noisy snowmobile and the whole perfect scene is ruined.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 217 **Comment Id:** 127293 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A few winters ago, my husband and I participated in one of the winter wonderland programs at Yellowstone. It was a memorable experience. We loved the pristine snowy environment and the exquisite quiet on snow shoes and cross-country skis. Motorized recreational vehicles would have hugely interfered with the unique natural sounds--the bird calls, the scrunch-scrunch of snow underfoot, and animals moving through the drifts--as well as the crisp, fresh air. We went to Yellowstone because that's what we wanted to experience, away from the noise and bustle and congestion of urban life.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129140 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: With regard to the National Park Service mission statement, we must always be resolute about the fact that Parks were and are created for human interaction. As time passed, that human interaction has been continually reengineered with ever greater respect for the preservationist component of the Service's mission statement ("?as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."). Nonetheless, we must never forget that, as legal entities, parks exist as public domains for citizens to enjoy. The challenge of preservation is not and should never be met primarily by exclusionary policies or economic practices. Rather, the most powerful tool of protection is and has always been the modification of human behavior through education. The key to protection of not just Yellowstone's resources but, currently, those of the entire planet hinge on people understanding what is at stake and then embracing values that lead to long-term preservation as expressed through social norms and rules. However, we can only educate those who visit the Park. In considering the National

Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, we commit ourselves to basing our decisions on science. And though science can be flawed by human biases as well it continues to stand as the best possible form of thinking with which to base our policies insofar as it is our most accurate approximator of truth. We must have the courage, our personal careers notwithstanding, to explain and defend the parks with the best science we can muster.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129147 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: 6. Concerns regarding the historical disregard and abuse of winter wildlife have been admirably addressed by the dedicated guide system during the last 7 years of Winter Use policy. In fact, it can be argued that the guides have become a functional arm of the Park's Division of Interpretation. This can be confirmed with hard data from your own research. Finally, it's not unreasonable to say that summer should be as well behaved and as respectful as winter visitation is under the current guide system.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1337 **Comment Id:** 129090 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: When you finalize your plan, please try to keep Yellowstone the wonderful, peaceful park that it should be. Yellowstone provides a gorgeous, awesome experience for those who appreciate nature. Please keep it a peaceful, quiet experience as well.

Organization: Sierra Club, Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127891 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The first time I went snowmobiling in the Mountains was in West Yellowstone in 1998. I was and still am to this day AMAZED by the natural beauty and splendor of both the wildlife and natural resources alike. I have made the trip back every year, or every 2 years since. I hope to one day be able to enjoy the same things with my own children god willing.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1103 **Comment Id:** 127873 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been to Yellowstone as a kid with my family. It was a memorable experience that I would like to share with my kids on a snowmobile some day. There are enough snowmobile area closures already. Every year it seems like one more of our riding areas gets closed. If you keep closing down legal riding areas people will just start riding illegally. I don't do this but know many others that do. The United States and Canada are supposed to be FREE countries but it is starting to feel less and less that way. Also what about all the revenue snowmobiling brings to these regions. If there is no more snowmobiling in yellowstone I wont go there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126949 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles also interfere with the ability of human visitors to experience and enjoy the ambience of the park when they are being assaulted with the noise and air pollution these machines create.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1520 **Comment Id:** 128300 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My husband and I have lived in West Yellowstone for over ten years. We moved here and started a family here because we love Yellowstone National Park. In the last 10 years, we have been able to enter the park on a snowcoach once, a snowmobile three times (all before guides were required), and drive our vehicle through the north entrance at least once each winter. While we have enjoyed each mode of transportation, cost has precluded us from spending more time in Yellowstone through the entrance in our backyard.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1324 **Comment Id:** 127698 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: As a resident and business owner in West Yellowstone I think we need to come up

with a plan that is affordable for the people to enjoy the park. I chose to move here 12 years ago with my family because I enjoyed the beauty of the park in the winter time. Unfortunately I have not been able to enjoy the Park in the Winter time the last 5 years because it is way over priced with the options we currently have.

Organization:

Commenter: Bob Pepler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1100 **Comment Id:** 127856 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hi, I am from Massachusetts and just about every year me and my family go snowmobiling in yellowstone. We go so far because we just love to ride. Yellowstone has some of the best conditions snowmobiling can get. It would be a shame to stop the tradition.

Organization: Slednecks

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Correspondence Id: 1098 **Comment Id:** 127853 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: IF PEOPLE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SEE FOR THEM SELVES ALL THE BEAUTY OF THE PARK DURING ALL SEASONS THE WILL BE A DIS HONOR OF ITS OWN. ONCE PEOPLE ARE LIMITED INTEREST AND PASSION WILL BE LOST FOR EVER !! ITS NOT ABOUT SECLUSION ITS ABOUT SHARING FOR ALL NOT A FEW !!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 826 **Comment Id:** 127304 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been in Yellowstone on a snowmobile. The experience of seeing the wildlife in their winter habitat is unbelievable. I can say that the experience of snowmobiling in Yellowstone provides an unparalleled experience. The Park's information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources. We saw a wolf loping along the snowmobile trail. Think of the energy he saved by having that trail, rather than having to plow through chest-high snow. Given that snowmobilers must use the best available technology and have a guide, it seems we are allowed to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules

Organization: Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Laura Gigstead **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 699 **Comment Id:** 126874 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I was a National Park Ranger assigned to the South Entrance of Yellowstone National Park during the late 70's and early 80's. It was my opinion at that time that the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and the road from Mammoth to Madison Junction should have been plowed and open for vehicular (cars and pickup trucks) traffic. I could see no overriding reason to groom the roads for the use of snowmobiles and snow coaches. This provided a barrier to families that couldn't afford snowmobile (purchase or rental) and could not afford the cost of a snow coach to visit the Park. Since leaving the employment of Yellowstone National Park, I too cannot afford the cost of a snowmobile (rental or purchase) nor the cost of a snow coach to take my family to visit Yellowstone National Park during the winter.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 499 **Comment Id:** 128777 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: As a 3-time visitor to Yellowstone I wish to voice my strong preference for maintaining the park in as natural a condition as possible. The deep quiet (broken by the awe-inspiring "whoosh" of geysers) and the fresh air have been a significant part of my experience there.

Organization: Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS

Commenter: William E Fraser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 291 **Comment Id:** 127608 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: When I had the chance to take a snow coach ride a few years ago I took some of the best photographs in my amateur portfolio. We went through the Hayden Valley and around the loop to the Inspiration Point. Fantastic. I would hope that the roads to Old Faithful would be open for visitation during the winter months as well as the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 209 **Comment Id:** 126566 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven R Thaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128318 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: SPECIFIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NPS SCOPING MATERIAL QUESTIONS The scoping materials ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" Yellowstone is an absolutely special place to our members. We value the Park's scenic and historic qualities, abundant wildlife, wide variety of unique and special ecosystems, as well as opportunities to obtain visitor services like lodging, food, fuel, and interpretive services within the park. More than anything, the stark beauty of the harsh winter elements make the winter season even more special and frankly more attractive than the other seasons are to us. We value opportunities to stop, smell, listen, feel, and photograph the magnificence of the Park on a personal basis while enjoying the Park and communing with nature. Therefore the ability to experience the park on an individual, personal basis is a large part of the specialness of Yellowstone for our members in the winter.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128354 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Daily Limits and Variable Limits: There continues to be a lot of discussion about daily snowmobile limits, as well as a push for variable/flexible daily limits. First in respect to overall daily limits, our perspective is that the 'rules of the game' i.e. BAT and commercial guiding requirements determine the extent of snowmobile visitation which is likely and feasible. And it is important to look at 'lessons learned' before rushing to advocate for high numbers which are likely only pie in the sky if existing rules don't change. Since 2004 the 'rules of the game' have been 100% BAT snowmobiles and 100% commercially guided. There are clear trends which document that high daily snowmobile numbers will most likely never be achievable ? because the 'rules' do not provide an attractive experience to the majority of the public. Refer back to Table 1 on page 4 for a case in point: under these rules with a 720 cap during the 2008-2009 season, actual use averaged only 197 sleds per day and total snowmobile visits were only 27% of potential visits allowed. The cap was cut to 318 sleds per day for the 2009-2010 season and the daily average was 193 sleds with about 61% of potential visits being utilized. And during both seasons the daily cap was approached only a handful of days over the entire season. Our point is that ? if the rules continue to be 100% BAT and commercially guided ? it is ludicrous to advocate for anything around 700 daily entries because it never was and never will be achieved ? so why create an unwarranted target for snowmobiling and take unnecessary

floggings? It makes no sense.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1092 **Comment Id:** 127831 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern: I have been an avid snowmobiler for close to 40 years. My parents started in 1969. Montana natives we have been snowmobiling in Montana for all of those years. I remember my first trip to Yellowstone, my parents took the family on a snowmobiling vacation, and WOW was it ever awesome. The park in the winter months brings on a new beauty, which many don't see in the summer months. Don't get me wrong it's beautiful no matter what season, but Winter is by far the best. I snowmobile in the Cooke City area and West Yellowstone area every year for a 4 day vacation with friends. And still continue too.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1080 **Comment Id:** 127795 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter, as unique as the landscape of this great park. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul Nortrom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 824 **Comment Id:** 127302 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone National Park open in the winter to snowmobilers. I had the great opportunity to see the Park this past winter for the first time. I have been thru the park many times in the summer on vacations, but never in the winter. It was awesome!!! I would like to have the opportunity to come back with my family and future grandchildren. I personally did not see any evidence of stress on the animals due to the presence of snowmobilers, in fact, I observed the animals paying more attention to the snow coaches and loud supply transporters than the passing snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Voight **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 642 **Comment Id:** 126769 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We live on the edge of the Brimfield State Forest with woodland on all sides of us. Snowmobiles, when they come through various trails in the state forest, are extremely loud, carrying their roaring noise for more than a half mile. I'm sure they do frighten wildlife that inhabit the forest, and certainly disturb the peace and quiet of our whole area.

Organization:

Commenter: Nancy C Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 639 **Comment Id:** 126764 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I just returned (Sunday, March 7) from my first visit to Yellowstone National Park. My travelling companion and I purposely chose winter for this visit. We've watched several specials on Yellowstone and felt the park is particularly beautiful, and serene, in the winter. We are not skiers. Our sole purpose in coming to Wyoming in winter was to enjoy the beauty and observe the wildlife. Our visit far surpassed our expectations. The beauty of the park is breath-taking. We felt that the various geo-thermal areas were highlighted by the surrounding snow, and in some cases the lack of snow. We traveled into the park on a snow coach. Our guide was excellent and shared a great deal of information. We were impressed at the effort being done to manage traffic into the park in the winter. Prior to my visit, I had the impression that the use of snow coaches and snowmobiles was quite invasive. It's not invasive at all. I concluded that an excellent job is being done on managing the traffic into the park.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1172 **Comment Id:** 128097 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some of my best snowmobiling trips have been to Yellowstone. Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. Technology allows snowmobilers to have that unique experience and minimize the impact to the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 875 **Comment Id:** 127554 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I'd like to encourage you to consider plowing from the west entrance to Old Faithful. The emissions from vehicles would be less and it would allow the park more winter use by citizens from all walks of life, much like the northern end. I grew up using snowmobiles every winter, but the cost to enter the park via snowmobile and/or snowcoach is getting more and more prohibitive. Please consider plowing this section as well.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 742 **Comment Id:** 127050 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had the privilege of cross-country skiing in Yellowstone several times in the last 20 years and support efforts to protect Yellowstone's special environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 680 **Comment Id:** 126849 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to see snowmobiles(OSV) severely restricted if not totally restricted from Yellowstone National Park in the up coming long term plan. I was in the park 5 winters ago skiing-it was beautiful-peaceful-until we would see some snow machines. Granted they had a guide and were extremely polite they just don't seem to fit into the culture of what the park is all about.....nature, wildlife and natural wonders of the world.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 764 **Comment Id:** 127089 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As an interested charter member of the Geyser Observation and Study Association (GOSA)there has been discussion within that group and there tends to be strong interest in year around access into the Old Faithful area from West Yellowstone. There is some concern for the safety of wildlife and their use of a plowed road as opposed to roaming through deep powder. From my 4 winter visits that potential problem already exists with the groomed roads for over the snow vehicles already. The primary advantage for being able to take my personal vehicle is the affordability factor. With the high expense of a "round-trip" cost for a snow coach or snow mobile combined with the high cost of accommodations and food the average family cannot enjoy this marvelous time of the year in Yellowstone. By having the option to stay at the more affordable places in West and have a wide variety of places to eat would expand the Yellowstone winter experience to a larger segment of our

population.

Organization: Geyser Observation and Study Association

Commenter: John Warnock **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 412 **Comment Id:** 128506 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Over the years I have developed a real love for the area. So much so that I built a home in Island Park Idaho. Many times throughout the year I visit the area.

Organization:

Commenter: mark d lindy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127016 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I enjoy Yellowstone in the winter, but find the presence of snowmobiles considerably dilutes my appreciation of being there in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129357 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The 318 snow machine cap is completely unreasonable and must be increased through the scoping and ultimate winter use decision. Environmental organizations like the Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC) have spent 20 years trying to remove the historic use of snowmobiles from the Park in the winter. The uncertainty of snowmobile use in the Park every winter has caused many people to plan their vacations to other destinations which in turn have reduced the number of snowmobiles and visitors each winter into the Park.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129374 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on yet another winter use plan scoping document for Yellowstone National Park. My family has lived in the Gallatin Valley for over 140

years and we still own the original ranch were my great grandfather settled. I take it very personal that organizations can come to this great state and then spend vast amounts of time, energy, and money to lock us out of our public lands and National Parks. The job and duty of the Park Service under the Department of Interiors is to manage the parks for the "Enjoyment of the People" and in a way that is sustainable. Your agency is understandable doing their best I believe there is room for improvement by standing up to these selfish environmental groups and using your public agency to truly benefit the public. I have visited Yellowstone Park hundreds of times over my 56 year life and I see absolutely no damage to Yellowstone Park that has been caused by the millions of visitors that enjoy it every year. Sustainability of the park means sustainability of the services that the small gateway communities provide and to ignore the needs of these communities would be very wrong.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128646 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter. Snowmobiles do not offer this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1166 **Comment Id:** 128091 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In 2004 my family and i travelled to your beautiful park in the summer ,in 2006 my wife and i returned to snowmobile in the winter, although this park is wonderful through the summer months, the 'naturalness' we felt in winter was second to none .We had encountered the buffalo on our summer trip and seemed to be interrupting them as there were many stopped cars and tourists alike ,however in the winter the animals seemed to remain calm as we rode by . Let me remind everyone this is a natural wonder and is to be explored by everyone and not just hikers or the unmechanized ,how are the disabled able to see the winter wonders offered by this park .

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1162 **Comment Id:** 128082 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hello Firstly sorry but my English is not good. I had the opportunity to travel to Jackson Hole in March 2008. We stayed in the region 10 days to discover the superb panorama snowmobile. I will not deny that a major reason for the choice of destination was the park of

Yellowstone with geysers and all that goes with it. Although we found only one day in the park this remains the best memory of the trip.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1162 **Comment Id:** 128083 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: By dint of talk around me here in Switzerland is being discussed to return in 2011 or 2012. If the park is closed to snowmobile I think we will change the destination to explore other sides of the intrigues of nature and other regions grandiose. (The Rockies side Canada, Sweden, Finland or Norway) All that to say that Yellowstone Park is well known outside the United States and only to the destination city was already wanted to see.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 856 **Comment Id:** 127486 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a winter sports enthusiast and advocate responsible use of the park. I have been operating a snowmobile for thirty eight years and have enjoyed being able to experience this winter sport for its benefits to me and my family. My daughter, four years old, will someday be able to look at her past experiences and be able to reflect on what snowmobiling has taught her, the same as I am able to. I was raised to respect the environment while still being able to enjoy it. The snowmobile community has demonstrated a commitment to improve air pollution meeting air quality standards established by the national government. Also noise pollution standards as well as safety standards. Local as well as national efforts have been underway for a while to eliminate the use of snowmobiles in the park and that contradicts what the parks were intended for. All taxpayers share the burden as well as the responsibility to effective park management. It would be an absolute shame if I have to tell my daughter "we can't go there" because the national parks aren't for everyone. The NPS can develop a plan that respects the views of all users. The snowmobile manufacturers have improved their products (at a substantial cost to the user) and the end users have not cried foul. We continue to pay for these improvements because WE also see the benefit.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 410 **Comment Id:** 128453 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I can not tell you how many times I have met egar tourist throughout the years who

came here with high hopes while traveling long distances to visit Yellowstone National Park. I have met people who visited and were here to enter the Park's Gates. I have visiting with many of them and hearing them so excited and asking all sorts of questions about the animals and mountains and of course the geysers rivers & lakes. It was almost like you were experiencing the Park all over again through their eyes you become so happy for them that they were here and got to experience the Park on a positive note. Then their has been sometimes I have seen Tourist visit here and their hopes had been crushed to find the Park Gates Closed; due to the Park's Closure Schedule. Unfortunately People visiting here still believe that all National Parks are open on a year around basis. While some other times people come here and they find that the Parks Gates Only but only to the public by Guided Snowmobile and Snow Coach Travel

Organization:

Commenter: Pam L Wright **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 407 **Comment Id:** 128412 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Taking a winter trip in 2010, you are on the schedule of the guide and the group. You cannot stop at Fountain Paint Pots to wait for a geyser, or stop to spot wolves or bison seen in the distance. The group must get to Old Faithful and back to West by 5, sometimes only giving tourists a few hours at Old Faithful. Those that can afford to stay at Snow Lodge get more time, yet that is not an economical endeavor.

Organization:

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1159 **Comment Id:** 128076 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Of course anyone could go see the park in the summer but, as a true Wyoming resident for all my life, why would anyone want to go do that when the traffic is so jam packed with buses upon buses and the crazy people stopping pretty much right on the side of the road, blocking traffic, trying to touch this massive animal they have never seen before? The true beauty of Yellowstone is clearly visible in the winter and more notably from the seat of a snowmobile. A stage coach is a small step to enjoying the park in the winter because your still inside a warm bus out of the elements and some guide is feeding you full of facts. The true vision is from behind the handelbars of a snowmobile where one can go whatever speed you wish (within the confines of the law) and can feel free to reall take in the vastness and crispness of real mountain air.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Chad T Siroky **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128069 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My father, a Yellowstone NP Ranger of years gone by, an avid snowmobiler and conservationist, took his family through Yellowstone Park by snowmobile around the mid 1970's or so. I was in my mid to late teens. That first trip remains vivid in my mind. The excitement, the challenge, the independence, the adventure, the scenery, the wildlife, the variations of summer from winter wonderlands, family time, all in its grandest splendor. Each time I revisited since, nothing had changed. All the same feelings and memories returned, all the same experiences existed. As the years past, I've realized that there are those who don't appreciate how others appreciate God's wonders and wish to use any means to keep it for themselves. In roughly forty years of snowmobiling, I've yet to see any negligible adverse impact on anyone or anything.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1154 **Comment Id:** 128046 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been ridding in the park for years with my family, we enjoy the use of the park both winter and summer I take at least one and sometimes two trips to the park or just a summer ride through it to see where we went during the winter ridding, this has been a family tradition for many years and it would be a great loss to me and my family who look forward each winter to a visit to Yellowstone. It would be a shame to close such a beautiful part of this country that is enjoyed by so many through the winter, think of how much would be missed by so many who look forward to winter just as they do Christmas.

Organization: Corey's Auto Repair & Smog

Commenter: Jim Corey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127407 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My experience in Yellowstone has been wonderful. I have been doing park tours for the last 2 years, in the summer for the Sun Ranch and in the winter for Yellowstone Artic Yamaha. I started my winter guiding as a musher in Jackson Hole, and quickly began to dislike snowmobiles for their smoky output. I used to be concerned about future of snowmobiling in the park, and took my present job with the thought of leaving if I felt too strongly about what I saw. I come from the thought that a National Park should be open to the public to experience at all times of the year, with a multitude of options to attract visitors. My first day on the job I met another guide that told me we had the best jobs in the world, and boy was he right! No matter how many times I have been in the park during the summer, my experience was never better than any particular day in the winters the. The park as seen from a snowmobile gives the winter experience in Yellowstone something that any American would love to do, and once they do they usually return. I have just been very lucky to be able to work in

Yellowstone on a daily basis and the following is what I have experienced.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127415 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Visitor use and experience can vary from year to year. The consumer has trouble making reservations for a vacation limited by such tight permit regulation. I have heard that the permits have not been all utilized on any one particular day, to say we haven't "Maxed Out" is inaccurate. The permits are split amongst the businesses in town in a way that caused my employer to turn away reservations while some smaller companies might have empty seats.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127417 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Socioeconomics seems to be trended toward those that can afford such an iconic vacation. I met lots of business men, family men, retirees, church groups, and couples from all parts of the country and a few international visitors. I have found that about half of the guests I have guided in the park are driving a snowmobile for the first time; this is an issue on its own.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 660 **Comment Id:** 126792 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I go to West Yellowstone 4-5 times a year and visit the Park, and have for 30 years.

Organization:

Commenter: lili simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127445 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow coach visits are less expensive, provide a quieter experience for visitors, pollute the air less, and less distracting to park wildlife. As a result, visitors are experiencing a quieter,

cleaner Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1299 **Comment Id:** 128241 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: NPS my comments about Yellowstone National Park are as follows, I live 20 hrs away from this wonderful place and my work is such that I can't go there in the summer months, but I love to snowmobile and have been there before; truly enjoying that trip as one of my lifes best. I truly planned several more family trips there but the continued hassle with whether it's open on not have led us to go elsewhere so far.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark W Porter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1149 **Comment Id:** 128033 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have just read somewhere the activist are at it again I plan on using the park for a great family snowmobile vacation every year starting next year. We all will have different opinions on this and that is what they should stay Opinions I should have as much right to the park as lets say skiers or hikers. I could make an argument on how they shouldn't be aloud in the park in the winter but we all need to coexist. We all have different ways we enjoy the outdoors as long as were not destroying it while were there and believe me I seen destroying I am Native American and know how everybody needs to respect Mother Earth.

Organization: empire L&C

Commenter: Nicholas Parker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1148 **Comment Id:** 128030 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Having visited Yellowstone NP during the summers of 1985, 1989, 1996 I have hoped to take a winter vacation and ride some of the same areas. I find it unfortunate and deeply disappointing to be a witness to the prejudices being expressed and supported to prohibit snowmobiling.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127825 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: After staying at the motel the first night, we rented our snowmobiles the next day. They were state of the art 'Polaris' machines. We drove them through town and headed towards the park entrance. As we headed out into the park we were shocked to see so much wildlife. I was, by no means, expecting to see herds of buffalo, elk, and other critters roaming all over the place. At one point we stopped to watch a coyote feed on a winter killed elk. Even after stepping off of our machines to get a closer look, the coyote basically ignored us and went about its business. We stopped and checked out the many beautiful landscape features as well.

Organization: myself

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Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126725 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone was established for the enjoyment of the people, without winter access that isn't possible. The experience on a snowmobile is much more enjoyable than being cooped up in a snowcoach although I do think they are a good option for the very young, old and those with disabilities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 206 **Comment Id:** 126711 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The owners of the Park, the American public can truly appreciate the Park in winter while riding in snowcoaches with opportunities for education, interpretation and come to more fully appreciate this great Park while reducing the disruption to wildlife and to hikers, x-country skiers. Not to mention the opportunity to allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter.

Organization: n/a

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Correspondence Id: 1279 **Comment Id:** 128205 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On behalf of the Cody Country Snowmobile Association I would like to comment on

the "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement". Our club is 75+ members strong and we truly enjoy the areas that we currently ride. We are responsible riders and would love to once again be able to enjoy the wonder and beauty of Yellowstone Park without the need to hire a guide. We are all from around this area and have been to Yellowstone before and consider ourselves responsible stewards of our parks and lands. We also feel that we are some of the real snowmobilers in the Cody area. We all own our own snowmobiles and most of our snowmobiles would satisfy BAT technology required by the Park Service to be able to visit Yellowstone National Park. We haven't snowmobiled in Yellowstone Park for a few years now because it is extremely expensive to hire a guide not to mention having to rent snowmobiles as well when we already own snowmobiles.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Bert Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127075 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I find it outrageous that snowmobiles are allowed into Yellowstone National Park. Although I have been to Yellowstone only about a half dozen times in the winter, each time without exception I observed snowmobilers harassing the bison. The drivers were loud, and pushing the bison off the groomed roads. In some cases, they were racing the bison. The exhaust from these loud, polluting machines is offensive and unhealthy.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 205 **Comment Id:** 126475 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter. Snowmobiles do not offer this.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Chas Ferris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1462 **Comment Id:** 128956 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While many are using this scoping opportunity to further their individual agendas, the real issue comes down to access. As the Nation's first National Park, people from around the world come to visit. However in the last ten years, the visitation has been dwindling. I believe there are several reasons for this: The inconsistency in winter policy, the expense to individuals and families of the current plan, the declining snowmobile industry as a whole, and general economy issues. I do, nevertheless, believe it is time for the Park Service to develop and maintain a permanent winter use

plan.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna Turner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1082 **Comment Id:** 127802 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have ridden through the Park several times before you were required to have a guide. There is a beauty in the wintertime that is incomparable. We shared this experience with our children and would like to with our grandchildren. The park is beautiful both summer and winter and the impact of snowmachines is minimal - far less than automotive traffic.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 814 **Comment Id:** 127216 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I live in Utah and feel very fortunate. Because I am so close to so many beautiful areas. One being the Yellowstone National Park. I have visited the park in both summer and winter months. Both seasons are breathtaking! I have been only a handful of times due to the fact that I have to work like everyone else. But when I do get to go I try to get all the sights, sounds and experiences in that I can. My Mother was raised in Afton Wyoming and my Grandfather was a Hunting and Trapping guide for many years. I loved to hear his many tales of the experiences he had in and around the Yellowstone area. What a life he lead! Although those days of free roaming are gone I hope they don't fade away forever. I have three children whom now are grown and have children of their own. I hope they too can find themselves amidst the grandeur that is Yellowstone in the middle of winter and see the beautiful sights that can only be seen during that time and with the access of a snowmobile. Please don't take this fulfilling experience away. Words cannot express the experience you get first hand.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 623 **Comment Id:** 126754 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My wife and I had the pleasure of visiting Yellowstone in the Winter with our purpose being to see the geyser basin and cross country ski. We took one of the older snow coaches into the village and it was a pleasure in that it was like stepping back in time. The one bring problem and negative? The SMELL and NOISE from the snowmobiles!!!!!! We could see their tracks from the snow coach where the snowmobiles had went right off the road and plowed through areas we assume

they should not have been!!!!!!

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 622 **Comment Id:** 126746 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am not a snowmobile user but have used ATVs in the past and enjoyed them. That said I fully understand how disruptive any motorized vehicle can be in a wilderness environment particularly when they come en masse or are operated in an aggressive manner. However, I am not sure the vehicle is the problem as much as the number of them and the behavior of the user, both of which need to be controlled.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

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Correspondence Id: 622 **Comment Id:** 126748 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would also point out that it is not a "right" to be able to see Yellowstone in winter or to see any remote part of nature. There is certain unfairness about access to the inaccessible and the natural governor of inaccessibility should not be breached. If one cannot stand the cold then, don't go. I get motion sickness so there are cruises and whale watching trips I just can't go on. If I can't hike with a 60-pound pack anymore, then there are areas I can't get to and if riding a horse is uncomfortable there shouldn't be a special horse drawn wagon access made available.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

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Correspondence Id: 1557 **Comment Id:** 129126 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To continue at current, or increase use levels, non-BAT snowmobiles from the Grassy Lake Reservoir to Flagg Ranch. The Flagg Ranch Trail, by way of Fremont County, continues to be a popular destination site for both day use and those riders seeking overnight accommodations. The trail is groomed on a weekly basis by Fremont County at no cost to the State of Wyoming or NPS. Due to the distance it is necessary, in most cases, for snowmobilers and the trail grooming equipment coming from Idaho, to refuel at Flagg Ranch. It would be difficult to continue access to the popular Grassy Lakes Reservoir or Jack Ass Loop sites without the opportunity to refuel. Safety for riders would also come into questions without access to the facilities at Flagg Ranch. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Organization: Fremont County Parks and Recreation

Commenter: Tamra Cikaitoga **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1510 **Comment Id:** 128434 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My wife and I have been almost annual visitors to Yellowstone since the early 1950's. Needless to say, it is one of our favorite places in the world. And we are fortunate to live near enough to enjoy it time and again. Spring and Falls are our favorite seasons there because of the wildlife, the changing colors, the fewer tourists. Some years ago, we enrolled in an Elderhostel run by Ricks College, thinking we should see this place in the winter at least once. We stayed in a West Yellowstone motel. Two day trips were part of the plan: a snow coach to Old Faithful and snowmobiles to the Canyon.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1481 **Comment Id:** 128533 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Since the new regulations have been in effect I have had the chance to go on several snowcoach trips. While comfortable, I was continually frustrated by being on someone else's schedule and just having to keep going when I wanted to stop. The snowcoach experience is good for some people, but the total lack of freedom is disappointing and frustrating.

Organization:

Commenter: James R Woodall **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1482 **Comment Id:** 128748 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Plan Objectives Under the EIS Objectives the following topics were identified as importance objectives. See comments for each as presented below. Visitor Use Snowcoaches and guided snowmobile tours have been touted as a great winter use experience compared to 2-stroke snowmobiles of the distant past. I agree that is a notable improvement. I own both 2-stroke and 4-stroke snowmobiles and have abundant personal experience with each. The two-stroke sleds are noisy and smelly and purposefully emit unburned oil as engine lubricant. I don't think they have a place in Yellowstone's winter use. The 4-stroke snowmobile is a vast improvement, yet when compared to an automobile it is still loud and smelly. My coveralls I wear when driving my 4-stroke sled often stink of exhaust after an hour or 2 of riding since when traveling at slow speed the rider is commonly traveling in a cloud of exhaust. So yes, 4-strokes are vastly superior to 2-strokes, but still a much worse experience compared to a closed cockpit automobile the exhaust emitted outside and behind the

vehicle. Snowcoaches are in the same category of experience with snowmobiles as stinky and loud. I've ridden the old Bombardier snowcoaches and they smell of exhaust and antifreeze (prone to overheating). The old snowcoaches are also loud inside and outside due to all the moving parts, large engine and track friction. Snowcoaches and snowmobiles do not offer the same comfort, quiet and safety of modern wheeled vehicles. Additionally, the groomed roads often develop snowmobile bumps or moguls that are unenjoyable when traversed by either a snowcoach or snowmobile. If you've ever ridden the washboarded and rutted surface of a groomed snowmobile trail after a day of heavy use it is always a welcome end to the day when you can get in your car and drive down a smooth plowed road.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1482 **Comment Id:** 128752 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: "In wilderness is the salvation of mankind. Henry David Thoreau" In Yellowstone, there must be no salvation in the winter because the groomed Park roads are far from wild and the backcountry is essentially inaccessible due to the snowmobile/snowcoach access threshold. Wilderness access is only seasonally available in Yellowstone. As a matter of fact, many Bozeman residents regard Yellowstone as a reasonable place to visit only in the shoulder seasons of spring and fall. Summer is too busy with tourists, and winter is inaccessible except for Lamar Valley. I suspect that summer use in the Park is concentrated due to the lack of cost-reasonable access options in the winter.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1477 **Comment Id:** 129072 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Superintendent Suzanne Lewis Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190 Dear Superintendent Lewis: As a Nordic skier and winter hiker who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines. I hope you will continue this positive trend and I offer the following suggestions for a long-term winter use plan.

Organization:

Commenter: Whitney A Leonard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 565 **Comment Id:** 127239 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: My husband and I visited the park for a week in January and found it to be a fabulous

experience, not only because of the place that Yellowstone is, but also because there were far fewer noisy, stinky machines in the park than when we had visited many years ago - before the new improvements.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary C Koltze **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 678 **Comment Id:** 126846 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I grew up in the Jackson area and graduated from JHHS in 1986. In the past 45 years, I have chosen to only visit the park 4 times during the summer and up until 1986, would visit the park about a dozen times per winter via snowmobiles. My choice to limit the visits in the summer was due to the vast difference in numbers of people, vehicles, and ability to see wildlife. Winter in Yellowstone is like no other and even back in the day of 2-stroke snowmobiles, I believe that the low number of visitors still had far less impact on the environment than due the million plus vehicles that visit the park each summer. The carbon emissions from only one of the hot pots exceed the 316 snowmobiles allowed per day! My main objection to the proposed winter plan is that even though I am a veteran of well over 100 snowmobile trips through the park, I am forced to now only share this experience with my family under the guidance of a paid guide. My kids are now of legal driving age and this ruling is the reason that we have not returned to the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug L Kinniburgh **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128963 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park is an established practice, now a tradition for many families and an important part of the utilization of the rich natural resources available there for recreation. It in no way diminishes the experience of any reasonable person and based on many studies does not appreciable affect animal life in any significant way. New snowmobiles have been designed to reduce to a minimum any exhaust emissions and the sound levels have dropped to barely noticeable levels

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

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Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129309 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In addition, snowmobile use negatively impacts other winter public users.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129310 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It is not fair to ruin the natural YNP experience of cross country skiers because of noise, pollution, and the extra expenditures of public resources such as road maintenance and other services for snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 677 **Comment Id:** 126834 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I participated in a winter experience in Yellowstone National Park in February 2010 with the Yellowstone Association. Although I have visited Yellowstone National Park nine times in previous summers, this winter experience was unique. I learned more about the park and appreciated it more than on any other visit.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean H Morse **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 421 **Comment Id:** 128588 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: My comments are relative to snowmobile restrictions in Yellowstone National Park. I offer here my comments regarding the restrictions. In January 2003, I spent 10 days in Yellowstone snowmobiling, enjoying the scenery, wildlife and surroundings. My expenses during that trip were in excess of \$4000.00 which included airfare, vehicle rental, lodging, snowmobile rental, meals, etc. My solitary time in the park was priceless. Being a mature individual, I observed and obeyed all laws regarding snowmobile speed, restrictions and activities. This was without a doubt a trip of a lifetime, and I enjoyed it beyond words. In January 2008, I repeated the trip, again spending 10 days in Yellowstone. What a utter disappointment. I did not enjoy being part of a herd of people with a guide. I was unable to enjoy the scenery, the wildlife, the special locations in a manner in which I had previously. It was without a doubt a very disappointing trip. My expenses during that trip were in excess of \$4000.00, same as previous trip. I would love to enjoy Yellowstone in the winter time again, but only if I were able to enjoy my solitude without being herded like a group of school children. I would be willing to pay a premium amount to have this ability, and encourage special licensing, or permits to allow individuals such as my self the opportunity to visit the part privately, without the necessity for a guide. It is doubtful if I will visit MY national park again if these restrictions stay in

place.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard A Thierry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129597 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The stated purpose of the Winter Use EIS, as indicated in the Federal register Notice of Intent, is to establish a management framework that allows the public to experience Yellowstone's unique winter resources and values. This is certainly a commendable goal and one that I hope we can successfully meet. Having personally experienced snowmobiling in Yellowstone during the winter, I know firsthand the unique experience a winter trip offers. It truly is a majestic place in the winter and one that all citizens should have the opportunity to experience.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129600 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I also feel strongly that there should be a wide range of winter access options in Yellowstone. While there may be some visitors who would prefer to ride inside a snowcoach, there are others who would rather experience the sights riding on a snowmobile. This is no different than the access preferences of summer visitors ? there are visitors who prefer to take a bus and there are visitors who prefer to experience the park on a motorcycle. This EIS should ensure a variety of access options to accommodate users' preferences.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128950 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Implementation of a ban on snowmobiles in the Parks would represent a return to a policy that was already in place after years of study, and was arbitrarily overturned at the request of Private industry. Snowmobiles have a clearly established negative impact on the ability of other Park visitors to enjoy their experience in the Parks, including the right to enjoy natural quiet and solitude.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

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Correspondence Id: 408 **Comment Id:** 126798 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited the park many times in the winter. I have snowmobiled both guided and unguided. The guided experience was not enjoyable due to everyone following in a straight line and everyone stopping when one stopped. Your main view was the machine ahead of you. If anyone was cold or had to stop for any reason we all had to stop. The cross country skiing would be easier due to better access to ski trails. During light snow years there would also be more opportunities for hiking.

Organization:

Commenter: Bruce W Jeffs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1519 **Comment Id:** 128302 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have skied across Yellowstone 2 times in the winter. My group tried to stay off the main highways as much as possible to experience the winter solitude. We also had to use the roads and had no solitude there. I am in favor of minimal snowmobile use. It appears that most snowmobilers are interested in the thrill of riding their snowmobiles and do not truly appreciate the beauties of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard L Henke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1497 **Comment Id:** 128502 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am Scott Carsley, founder/owner/operator of Yellowstone Alpen Guides a snowcoach concession operating in Yellowstone since 1984. I believe motorized winter visitor access to Yellowstone is important to the long-term well being of the Park. This is the single most effective method of educating the public and garnering support for the issues facing winter Yellowstone. When people visit the Park they develop first hand experience, knowledge and appreciation about the particular season of their visit and often times become park supporters, keen to insure "their park" is protected so their children and grand children can have the same opportunities. Motorized use is necessary due to the large distances involved in traveling around Yellowstone. It is 30 miles from the closest entrance to Old Faithful, 42 miles to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and so forth. These most visited park areas are impractical for the general public to reach by non-motorized means.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott D Carsley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1483 **Comment Id:** 128679 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: SPECIFIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NPS SCOPING MATERIAL QUESTIONS The scoping materials ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" Yellowstone is a magnificent place to see -- and is the most magnificent in the winter season. We feel it is one of the most special places to see, and hope all of our members can, at least one time, experience the beauty and solitude of "The People's Park". Among the qualities that the snowmobiler's appreciate in the Park are it's abundance of scenic and historic qualities, the abundance of wildlife, and the special ecosystems. We also appreciate the many services that are available such as lodging, food, fuel and the interpretative services.

Organization: American Council of Snowmobile Associations

Commenter: Christine Jourdain **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1483 **Comment Id:** 128680 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Touring the Park on individual snowmobiles allows our members to stop, enjoy and take photographs as they move through the corridors and along the rivers. The experience on a personal basis makes the visit unique and special to each visitor

Organization: American Council of Snowmobile Associations

Commenter: Christine Jourdain **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128760 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The scoping materials specifically ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" We believe strongly that winter visitation by snowmobiles in Yellowstone allows visitors to see "The Park" at its most splendid time. We realize that visitors overwhelmingly (87%) enjoy the winter experience wildlife activities in Yellowstone and have responded in surveys that they are very satisfied with visiting the park during the wintertime.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128761 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The scoping materials also ask, "Which values are most important and should be considered during this Winter Use Plan?" Comprehensive studies support the continued use of

snowmobiles in the park. We agree with those studies and also agree that the snowmobile use on portions of the historic Yellowstone and Grand Teton road systems have no adverse impact on Park Resources. The wildlife viewing provided to visitors offers an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy the winter splendor of Yellowstone National Parks.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128799 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A key purpose of the park is to allow visitor use and enjoyment and in support of that objective, the Winter Visitor satisfaction studies have shown that visitors are enjoying the park and support the responsible and reasonable management of the park. Visitors enjoy the park either via snow coach, snowmobiles, cross country skis or snowshoeing and all enjoy the park simultaneously at a very high level of satisfaction. More than 80% of respondents to your surveys have indicated they were very satisfied with the overall visit to the park in the winter.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128911 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Sometimes we have too much of a "fast food" mentality where things should be accessible "right now" and without effort. Some of my greatest memories were those where I had to make careful plans and exert great effort to accomplish the goal. And doing something that not everyone is able to do means a little something extra. If I wish to have a flyfishing outing without seeing as many others on the stream, then I may need to walk a mile further, or hike into YNP several miles to a remote stream or lake. Yet often I may be content to fish easier accessible areas. Going into YNP on a snowmobile or snow coach is a winter use not easily accessible to all, but the memory may be much longer lasting than an auto or truck drive if roads are plowed. I am not an "elitist" by any means, but feel that accomplishing something not easily obtained has value. I have not been into the park on either a coach or snowmobile but would love to in the future. And if I can't afford it, then I wouldn't be able to do it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1461 **Comment Id:** 128996 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a guide in the park in the winter time so this issue directly impacts me and my

way of life. The sad part is we had to tell people who wanted to see THEIR park no because we did not have to permits nor did anyone else. I was on a multi-day trip this year over christmas time and was a 3 day trip. I had a young boy of about 11 with me who was enthralled with the park. How much to bison way? Do elk shed their horns? How hot is that water? What happens if the volcano explodes? How many wolves are in the park? He wanted to know it all and see it all. However due to our lack of permits, i could only take his family of 3 for 2 days and not 3. Hi missed out on seeing the lamar valley and his best chance at wolves, elk, bison, and the other critters in lamar. Nothing makes me more upset knowing that this young boy would have loved it all but because of bureaucracy and politics and a few people making a big stink, he was denied his opportunity to the park in it entirety. Shame on you and the environmentalists who fight against people seeing the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Casey Schroeder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1442 **Comment Id:** 129054 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a very beautiful place to be enjoyed by everyone in every season, why punish the people who visit in the winter? What about the impact of those thousands of vehicles? We would love to see the park stay open for the next generation to enjoy. We feel that in they close the parks in Montana and Wyoming states that we would have no reason to visit these states.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter D Bober **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 399 **Comment Id:** 126735 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been a winter visitor to Yellowstone Park for many years and well remember how it used to be with the hoards of loud and smoky snow machines on and off the trails. My last two trips within the park in winter have been by snowcoach. Both experiences were great. I cannot believe that it is being considered again to return to the "days of old."

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128718 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: People come to Yellowstone in the winter to experience something that cant be done anywhere else. They want to be able to snowmobile into the park and experience the wonders of Yellowstone in a unique way. This was proven with the growing popularity of snowmobiles going into

Yellowstone in the 1990s. There is nowhere else in the world that can offer this unique experience.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128722 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: One of your primary objectives is to provide the unique winter experience to the winter visitor. I do not know of a better way to accomplish this than with oversnow travel by snowmobile or snowcoach. If we limit access to snowcoach only, then we will limit even further the number of visitors going into Yellowstone. I know this because of when you had to close Yellowstone a little early this spring to snowmobiles thru the West gate due to very warm weather and limited snowpack. The company I work for offers guided snowmobile tours from West Yellowstone and our customers that had made reservations earlier where offered a trip into Yellowstone by snowcoach to replace the snowmobile. the majority said no thanks and went snowmobiling outside of Yellowstone instead. It was the snowmobile experience they wanted. They refused to ride a snowcoach. We found this rather interesting.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128726 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Visitor experience with oversnow travel has been wonderful. The past couple of years they have had the park mostly to themselves due to the low number of visitors on a daily basis. If the public did not enjoy the activity, they would not keep coming back.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1591 **Comment Id:** 129892 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: SPECIFIC COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO NPS SCOPING MATERIAL QUESTIONS The scoping materials ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" Yellowstone is an absolutely special place to our members, regardless if they live next door in gateway communities or across the state. We value the Park's scenic and historic qualities, abundant wildlife, wide variety of unique and special ecosystems, as well as opportunities to obtain visitor services like lodging, food, fuel, and interpretive services within the park. More than anything, the stark beauty of the harsh winter elements make the winter season even more special and frankly more attractive than the other seasons are to us. We value opportunities to stop, smell, listen, feel, and photograph the

magnificence of the Park on a personal basis while enjoying the Park and communing with nature. Therefore the ability to experience the park on an individual, personal basis is a large part of the specialness of Yellowstone for our members in the winter. But unfortunately the true specialness of this experience has been lost for our members since the '100% commercially guided' rule was implemented for snowmobilers in 2004. Being herded through the Park by commercial businesses has turned our opportunity for a winter visit into more of an expensive Disneyland experience than it is a national park experience. Yellowstone National Park should be available for individuals rather than to and through solely commercial interests.

Organization: California - Nevada Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Fred Wiley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 393 **Comment Id:** 126703 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have rented snowmobiles at The Old Faithful Lodge when individual travel by snowmobile was allowed. During my daylong tour of the park roads by snowmobile, I never saw more than 12-15 other snowmobiles the entire day. I have not seen any off road snowmobiles in the park! With the requirement now in effect, snowmobile travel must be limited to guided group tours. Large groups of snowmobiles traveling together create much more noise and more disturbance to wildlife than individual snowmobiles operating alone.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1171 **Comment Id:** 128095 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been raised on snowmobiles. I have seen the benefits of them in every aspect. We used to take many winter trips to Yellowstone. I will cherish those for ever. I hope that I can take my kids to Yellowstone and have them experience the same ahh and wonder.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128255 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Responsible Park Official; I have enjoyed visiting Yellowstone Park for the last 20 years in both the summer and winter, it is a special place. I have found visiting in the summer very crowded and busy and have preferred to visit in the winter due to the reduced number of people and spectacular scenery.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128256 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park in the winter by both snowmobile and snowcoach. I am concerned that the current Winter Use Plan overly restricts access to the park and makes a park visit very cost prohibitive for families. As our family size has grown the rising cost to visit in the winter has made us choose not to visit. One of the major costs is renting snowmobiles and a guide or buying seats on the snowcoach. Visiting the park should not be reserved for only the wealthy. Visitors should be allowed to use their own snowmobile if they are clean and quite.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128257 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park in the winter prior to the recent snowmobile regulations and found the regulations from the 1990's not enforced or ignored which bothered me. For instance, on one of my visits the snowmobiles ahead of me clearly violated the noise limits (open pipes and no silencer) stated on the large sign entering the park. But they were waived right through without a look, how could this be I asked myself? Given the recent changes in snowmobile technology machines are now much cleaner and quieter than they were even 10 years ago. Allowing new generation snowmobiles into the park should be viewed no different than allowing motorcycles into the park in the summer. As with the vehicle fleet in the summer the snowmobile fleet is changing even quicker and needs to be taken into account.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1524 **Comment Id:** 128265 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: VISITOR USE AND EXPERIENCE: The guide requirement is detrimental to the visitor experience in several ways. It adds to the already high cost of visiting in winter, it is an awkward way to travel, and it causes jams of people when everyone leaves at about the same time (we stopped at Madison Jct along with at least 10 other guided groups...we wasted a lot of time waiting for everyone to use the restroom and get a snack). My best memories of the park in winter were the years when our family went in unguided and we could choose our itinerary and stop and go as we wished. Surely there is a way to provide some training if needed and a park drivers license so visitors can go in

on their own. Our property manager tells me there used to be many visitors who came with their own machines to visit the park and they stayed several days...now they don't come at all. Also local people are not able to go into the park without a guide. One fellow told me they used to take their own machines into the park for the day and take their cross-country skis with them...sounds great to me. Now they would have to rent machines and pay a guide and it becomes cost prohibitive. Visitors need more flexible options to allow for a variety of activities. Rest areas need to be expanded to accommodate the clumps of visitors who all arrive in short windows of time. We did not experience this problem when we traveled without a guide

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128279 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: USE OF EAST GATE IN WINTER IS A CULTURAL RESOURCE Buffalo Bill Cody started the East Gate, established the route up Sylvan, obtained authorization for the East entrance and put up \$50,000 of his own money for the road. He built Pahaska Teepee, the Irma Hotel and another hotel near Wapiti that helped bring the railroad to Cody and greatly enhanced the ability of tourists to visit YNP through the Ease entrance. Winter use by motorized vehicles over Sylvan Pass has been occurring since the mid 1970's. Year round motorized travel over Sylvan Pass is a cultural resource to YNP that should not be impaired.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128292 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The road or trail, which if you add up the square footage of the road (trail) it is less than 1% of the total square feet in the park. If the some one does not care for the snowmobilers, they can simply hike into the wilderness away from them where the snowmobiles cannot go.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

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Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128293 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To be fair, I have never been to Yellowstone National Park in the summer time, however I have heard stories on how crowded the park is in the summer time. I have been in the park 10 times in the winter time, the last time in the 2004 - 2005 season. I really enjoy the beauty of the park in the winter time, although as I have stated earlier, I have never been to Yellowstone National

Park in the summer time. I would love to bring my wife and two daughters out on a snowmobile trip to see the park and other sites in the area.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

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Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128296 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems that most of the people who are complaining about the snowmobiles have never even been on a snowmobile, or visited Yellowstone National Park in the winter time. They don't realize that snowmobiling can be a very enjoyable experience, and can allow people to see a lot of beautiful scenery, without damaging the environment, hurting animals or people. Yes, there are a few bad apples in snowmobiling, just as there is in any kind of sport in the world. The rest of us just have to do a good job to promote the sport. I do not see how 1 persons opinion has stopped snowmobiles from enjoying the park. Yellowstone National Park was created so that ALL may enjoy the park and what it has to offer.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

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Correspondence Id: 1511 **Comment Id:** 128431 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Comment on use of snowmobiles in YNP. We had very few snowmobiles allowed into the park this winter...Many people were denied entry into their National Park because of this especially during the Christmas break.

Organization:

Commenter: fred lutz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1502 **Comment Id:** 128474 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Along with growth in snowcoach activity over the past several years, there is an even more dramatic increase in the number of non-motorized recreational users accessing Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. For example, the introduction of grooming for non-motorized uses between Taggart Lake Trailhead and Signal Mountain Lodge starting around 2002 has lead to a dramatic increase in cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snow-bicycling, and walking in Grand Teton National Park. Increases from pre-grooming to post grooming are striking, from dozens to at times 1000 visitors per day in Grand Teton for winter non-motorized use on the Teton Park road alone ? which equals more than several days total snowmobile visits to all of Yellowstone. This shows a strong latent demand for non-motorized opportunities. Visitors have greatly enjoyed the recent addition of

groomed ski trails at Old Faithful, like the Lone Star Geyser trail. This also shows the interest in non-motorized options, which the new Winter Use Plan EIS has a responsibility to better address.

Organization: Friends of Pathways

Commenter: Tim Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127253 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In the winter of 2004-2005, I was a guide for a snowmobile touring company based out of West Yellowstone, MT. I took clients in to the park on snowmobile and shared my knowledge of the parks features with clients. Many had been to Yellowstone before, but not on a snowmobile. I don't recall ever having a client that did not enjoy the experience immensely. In fact, the overwhelming majority said that it was a much better experience going in on snowmobiles, than it was to see the park by car in the summer or other time of year. Most commented on how great it was to get that close up to the animals and not have them even care that we were in their vicinity. They also commented on how great it was to have so few other people around to compete with to look at scenery and take photos. I like to think that I added to the enjoyment by sharing what I knew about the park. I would also tell you that many of my clients said that exploring Yellowstone by snowmobile is the only way that they would see it in the future. It has that great of an impact on them.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127254 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I really don't think that snowmobiles are detrimental to the park, its ecosystems or its visitors. There is by far more pollution and impact on the park with all the cars and RV's and people in the warmer months, than what snowmobiling could ever bring to Yellowstone.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127255 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do still go back to Yellowstone every year, during the warmer months on my motorcycle. I haven't been in the park during the winter since I worked there-simply because of the fact that I cannot afford to rent a park-legal snowmobile, and cannot afford to hire a guide to go in. I would love to return in the winter, but having been there in my "office" everyday for a whole winter, I feel as though it isn't worth the expense incurred for me to go back. Don't get me wrong, I would love to go

back in the winter, but it is not financially feasible for me.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126829 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I visit Yellowstone Park at least four times a year - hiking, camping, catch and release fly fishing, wolf watching, etc. It is one of the sacred places in The United States of America.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126832 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowcoaches provide comfortable, minimally invasive access to the interior of the park. The snow mobiles are loud, noisy, polluting and extremely disruptive of the migration paths of the various animals in the park. As Yellowstone Park is the most complete eco-system in the lower 48, can't we please do what's right for the asset?

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 666 **Comment Id:** 126809 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone in winter several times in the past 10 years and am always impressed with the opportunities to ski, walk, photograph and view the scenery, the wildlife and the natural features. Lately, I have added to my list of positive impressions, the informative and convenient snow coach rides I have taken. (5-10 years ago I would not go into the Park interior where snowmobiles were allowed because of their negative impacts on me and on the Park). I appreciate the Park Service coming around to curtailing noisy, air-polluting snowmobiles in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Grant W Barnard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 666 **Comment Id:** 126810 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the Park Service coming around to curtailing noisy, air-polluting snowmobiles in Yellowstone. They are an anomaly. They interfere with wildlife, they are expensive, they are inconvenient for the riders and for others.

Organization:

Commenter: Grant W Barnard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 666 **Comment Id:** 126811 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The fact that snowmobile numbers have steadily decreased since reasonable rules have been applied to them shows that the demand for their usage in the Park is mostly for thrill-seekers who now have to go to other public lands to recreate.

Organization:

Commenter: Grant W Barnard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1584 **Comment Id:** 129608 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What is special to me about winter use in Yellowstone? I first began visiting Yellowstone in winter almost forty years ago ? in the early 70's. At first it was pretty rough going (literally!) yet the extraordinary beauty could simply stop my breath. Each subsequent year led me to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the extraordinary geology ? so much more dramatic in winter ? and the amazing, abundant and varied wildlife. Later I occasionally had the opportunity to guide and loved being able to share the incredible experience with others.

Organization:

Commenter: Marysue Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1457 **Comment Id:** 128999 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team: I have been a snowmobile guide in Yellowstone Park for the last 16 years which I believe gives me a perspective different from most. The use of BAT sleds and the end to unlimited private access has certainly made YNP a more pleasant winter experience. I firmly believe that a choice of transportation modes(snowcoach Vs. Snowmobiles) is an essential freedom of choice that visitors should be allowed to make. Snowmobiling allows visitors to experience winter on a personal level as opposed to looking at it out a window. Current research indicates that the impacts between the two types of transportation are negligible. Let us put opinions and preconceived viewpoints aside and look at the facts. My personal experience is that in many respects snowmobiles are much more able to navigate around Bison in a less invasive manner than much larger snowcoaches

including the Big Yellow bus.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Trumbower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1457 **Comment Id:** 129008 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The current interim plan with its number of snowmobiles capped at 318 per day is an arbitrary number which has had severe impacts on the outfitters providing access as well as the public trying to visit the park. As permits shrink the economic viability of outfitters decrease. The net result is that permits will be combined in order to achieve the economy of scale required to make business viable. This will also result in the public paying more to access the park. By choosing the average use from the previous year the park has acknowledged that more people entered the park than are allowed now on numerous days. The public use is not as easily transferred from one date to another. The demand to visit the Park is much greater during the Christmas holiday than during the middle of January. Allowing a greater use would not necessarily mean that visitation in January would also go up. Since this entire winter use plan process was started over a decade ago, the number of winter visitors has decreased dramatically and not just due to a cap on vehicles in the park. The end of private trips and the requirement for BAT sleds has had more impact than the number cap which we seem to constantly argue over. In the context of summer use the winter use numbers are so low to be almost considered inconsequential. I understand the Park's dual mission of protecting the Park while providing for public enjoyment. Often these two missions require tough choices. I believe that is essential to look at what is going on in the park and not just at people's opinions and perceptions of what they think is going on.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Trumbower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1456 **Comment Id:** 129037 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My opinion- The Parks were established for the people and by the people for their enjoyment. Numerous visitors arrive at the park entrances on the shoulder season expecting to enter the Park and it is closed. These disappointed visitors comment about this annually in our Chamber and in our stores. Winter season park visitation has become prohibitively expensive for visitors and for residents. As the allowed numbers have dwindled, the prices for viewing the Park on over-the-snow vehicles has escalated. If the Park is for the people, devise a way for the public to visit the Park all year for an affordable price. I have heard excuses via the Park bureaucracy that "they are not set up to be open all year". So change, as the residents and business owners of gateway and surrounding communities have had to change. If you determine a viable, affordable way to see the Park on an annual basis, it will afford the Park more revenue as well while being appreciated by the public- which would like to view Yellowstone and its splendor in all seasons. Private vehicle access and mass transportation are options. And please decide on a timely basis so the public can be adequately

informed. Thank you.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 657 **Comment Id:** 126788 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My husband, John Mulvihill and I have been visiting Yellowstone several times a year over the past 35 years. Our favorite time to visit was in Winter until the snowmobiles, with their noise and pollution took over the park, especially in West Yellowstone.

Organization: GYC, YA & NPA

Commenter: Carol Peterson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 657 **Comment Id:** 126790 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am sure that we are similar to the majority of families who visit the park, we cherish the experience of the wilderness, the peace and quiet, watching wildlife at sunrise and sunset and believe the preservation of these qualities is imperative for the park and future generations to come.

Organization: GYC, YA & NPA

Commenter: Carol Peterson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129925 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping materials specifically ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" We believe strongly that winter visitation by snowmobiles in Yellowstone allows visitors to see "The Park" at its most splendid time. We realize that visitors overwhelmingly (87%) enjoy the winter experience wildlife activities in Yellowstone and have responded in surveys that they are very satisfied with visiting the park during the wintertime.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129928 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A key purpose of the park is to allow visitor use and enjoyment and in support of that

objective, the Winter Use satisfaction studies have shown that visitors are enjoying the park and support the responsible and reasonable management of the park. Visitors enjoy the park either via snow coach, snowmobiles, cross country skis or snowshoeing and all enjoy the park simultaneously at a very high level of satisfaction. More than 80% of respondents to your surveys have indicated they were very satisfied with the overall visit to the park in the winter.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128708 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 3 I had a much better experience on a snowmobile in the winter time than I did in the summer because a lot less people and a Whole different experience! I believe old Teddy Roosevelt also enjoyed the park in the winter time!

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128710 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 4 How would you replace the open air ride of a sled and a small group experience of seeing the park in the winter time if you will not have snowmobiling?

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1432 **Comment Id:** 129063 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a visitor to Yellowstone on several occasions over the past 30 years, I was awed by the harsh serenity. Many years ago, I experienced the problem of snowmobile breakdown while deep in the Park, which was frightfully expensive and resulted in a most unpleasant vacation. As a skier on other visits, I was greatly disturbed by the noise and stink of snowmobiles, and did not visit Yellowstone for many winters on account of that. Conditions have certainly improved in the last few years, with fewer snowmobiles and with guided tours only--at least there is a break in the noise.

Organization:

Commenter: Debra Patla **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128973 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: It is the position of the Park County Commission that Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park's resources are underutilized, thereby depriving the public from enjoying their National Parks and at the same time causing great economic harm to the Gateway Communities, Counties and the surrounding states.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128976 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While we support and applaud the National Park Service for their efforts in achieving a balance of winter use that provide a choice of transportation methods, what NPS has called balanced use during the Environmental Assessment has resulted in allocations that are simply not sufficient for the gateway communities to thrive. The current restricted level of 12 snowmobile allocations plus 13 snow coaches, businesses in Gardiner are being negatively impacted and employment opportunities are diminishing. The consequences of this decline in business in Gardiner has a much more far reaching visitor affect as it is limiting those who can come from throughout America. In addition, the requirement of guided only snowmobile allocations basically prohibits many residents of Park County from enjoying the beauty of Yellowstone in winter. The combination of extremely a low snowmobile allocation and the restriction to guided only snowmobile excursions has basically eliminated many of the citizens from enjoying the Park in the winter.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128978 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Park and Gallatin Counties in Montana are also feeling the impact as there are fewer people flying into the Bozeman Airport to see Yellowstone in the winter. Years ago, before the limitations were placed on snowmobiles in Yellowstone; deplaning passengers at the airport going to Yellowstone exceeded those going to the ski resorts. Those people rented cars, rode public transportation or if driving spent money throughout Park county on the way to Gardiner. Fewer visitors to Yellowstone have caused less spending in the county and a loss of jobs, especially in Gardiner.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128981 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The recent science on winter use indicates park resources are in very good condition. For each topic monitored, we now understand that both snowmobiles and snowcoaches are contributing similarly to the measure impacts of winter use. When managed, as they have been for the past five winters, both modes of transportation provide opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Park. Each can offer different experiences for visitors, just as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and walking offer different opportunities for visitor to enjoy the Park in winter.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 696 **Comment Id:** 126870 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for conducting a study on the impact winter use has on Yellowstone National Park. I have always enjoyed visiting the park and have had a desire to visit during the winter months. However, because of the cost it is a beauty I have yet been able to afford. Now with young children I'm afraid it is a beauty I will be unable to afford for many years to come.

Organization:

Commenter: Travis M Wilstead **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 413 **Comment Id:** 128557 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see the proposal of plowing the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful be considered for Winter Usage. I am a part-time Island Park, Idaho resident and have searched the past two winters for ability to take a day trip to Old Faithful for leisure and for lunch. The opportunity really doesn't exist. I can take the snow coach or snowmobile guided tours from West Yellowstone (I have taken snowmobile trips in year's past), but this does not meet my needs. The opportunity to drive into the Park and visit Old Faithful on a regular basis would be wonderful. We often do this in the other three seasons and would be very excited to do so in Winter as well. It seems snowmobiles and snow coach journeys could still originate from the Madison Junction parking areas for visits to the Grand Canyon area or even Old Faithful via West Thumb (and the South Entrance). The freedom to drive into Old Faithful, stopping along the way to admire the beauty and take photos, then to proceed to Old Faithful for a meal is an excellent approach.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129284 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: It is the position of the Park County Commission that resources in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are underutilized, depriving the public of enjoying its National Parks while at the same time causing great economic harm to the gateway communities, counties and surrounding states.

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129285 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While we support and applaud the National Park Service for its efforts in achieving a balance of winter use that provides a choice of transportation methods, what NPS called balanced use during the Environmental Assessment has resulted in an allocation that is simply not sufficient for the gateway communities to thrive. Businesses in Gardiner are being negatively impacted and employment opportunities are diminishing under the current restricted allocation level of 12 snowmobiles and 13 snowcoaches. The consequences of this decline in Gardiner businesses have a much farther reaching visitor effect in limiting those who can come from throughout America. In addition, the combination of the extremely low snowmobile allocation and restriction to guided-only snowmobile excursions basically prohibits many residents of Park County from enjoying the beauty of Yellowstone in winter.

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129288 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Recent science on winter use indicates park resources are in very good condition. For each topic monitored, we now understand that both snowmobiles and snowcoaches contribute similarly to the measures impacts of winter use. When managed as they have been for the past five winters, both modes of transportation provide opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Park. Each can offer different experiences for visitors, just as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and walking offer different opportunities for visitors to enjoy the Park in winter.

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129283 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no question that YNP is a beautiful place to visit in any season and that hundreds of millions of people in not more from around the world have had that opportunity since YNP was established in 1872.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1081 **Comment Id:** 127799 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: For the last 3 years, my family has made the trip to Yellowstone in the winter. We have been there during the summer, but there is nothing like Yellowstone in the winter. With the feeling that you are the only one out there on your snowmobile, it is just awesome. The first year we were there we did the snowcoach ride, it was great, but we wanted to see more. My son is disabled, but he loves to ride snowmobiles. He stays cooped up all the time, because of his disabilities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 731 **Comment Id:** 127037 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My personal enjoyment in visiting national parks has been enhanced when the park manages the movement of people in a way that reduces the number of individually driven vehicles in the park. Otherwise, it feels like I never left the city.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 345 **Comment Id:** 126598 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have on two prior occasions used the snow coach tour. While it was enjoyable, I must say that there was noisy clattering of the runners and some overall discomfort in seating. Roughing it, yes and Retro, yes. Much of the experience became focused on snow coach, rather than the sights. And the schedule was also constricting. In the absence of other means of travel it was fun, but I think a bit inadequate

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 345 **Comment Id:** 126985 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My interest in the upcoming plans for Winter visiting in Yellowstone includes seeing the Old Faithful area and the painted pots displays in the geyser areas. I would hope that the roads would be open for my taking my family in my own car -- this would allow the ability to do sightseeing of wildlife as the opportunities occur. Most vehicles today have the proper smog controls and devices and it seems to me that roads would not be damaged nor would it make a great impact on the ecology of the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 138 **Comment Id:** 127578 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We have taken the snowcoaches from West Yellowstone and find them to be a wonderful way to experience the wonders of Yellowstone NP. Let us transition YNP in the winter from the noisy snowmobiles to snowcoaches. The wildlife and other visitors will thank you for this decision.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1275 **Comment Id:** 128192 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It has come to my attention that you are once again soliciting input from members of the Snowmobile community on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park. On behalf of the 45,674 registered members of our Snowmobile forum (www.snowestonline.com) I would like to offer a few thoughts on this. Yellowstone National Park has become a long standing historic riding destination for my family for decades. My mother & father, brothers and sisters, have been riding there for many long years. It has become a family tradition rich with memories. A tradition that I hope to be able to continue with my 4 children in the future. From the hundreds of comments that other SnoWest members have sent to me, this is clearly the case for them as well. Yellowstone is not merely a place we go to ride on a weekend, but a destination that is a major component in a well planned out vacation for the entire family.

Organization: SnoWestOnline

Commenter: Christopher M Parrett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1068 **Comment Id:** 127775 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I enjoyed my winter trip to Old Faithful from West Yellowstone on a snowmobile back in 2001. My wife and I have been several times during the summer time but going during the winter was truly something to remember.

Organization: Sweetwater snow pokes

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 341 **Comment Id:** 126590 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Let the wildlife in Yellowstone spend the winter in peace, and let the winter visitors see and learn about the Park in the peaceful quiet.

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Halford Jr. **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 21 **Comment Id:** 129393 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: All Americans should visit Yellowstone National Park during winter at least once in their lifetime. The vastness, beauty, quietness is a must see.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1065 **Comment Id:** 127772 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've been a motorized recreation participant for +/- 30 years. I also ride bicycles and horses and spend time hiking. I'm not sure anyone can imagine the respect and awe developed for Mother Nature by observation in the great outdoors. It has to be experienced! Some of my most memorable experiences include riding my snowmachine through herds of caribou extending as far as my eyes could see. Sometimes we would stop and shut off our machines, at a safe place in the trail, to watch these elegant animals graze and interact with each other. Their reaction to us? Some of the herd would momentarily stop their grazing to glance our way. That was it....every time. Then they carried on with their daily eating and frolicking. I love the sound of a snowmachine starting on a crisp winter morning, moving along down the trail to watch moose, caribou, rabbits, ptarmigan, etc., and sometimes swerving off to play in soft billowy fresh powder.

Organization:

Commenter: Glenda Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 789 **Comment Id:** 127162 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been to Yellowstone three times over the past several years and have always been impressed by the respect for the park and the educational insight provided by our snowmobile guides. Additionally, the areas maintained for snowmobile use outside the park are tremendous. The experience is truly what was intended when parkland was set aside for our citizens to enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 789 **Comment Id:** 127164 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I tell everyone I know that snowmobiling in Yellowstone and West Yellowstone is one of the most awesome experiences of my lifetime. I only hope that others will continue to have access to enjoy the same experience for many years to come. By the way, six of the seven members in our party this year were over the age of fifty and retired. It is not just for youngsters looking for a wild party time racing fast snowmobiles, in fact I saw none of that inside Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1263 **Comment Id:** 129115 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: 25 March 2010 Dear Superintendent Lewis: I was born in Oregon in 1949 and first visited Yellowstone when I was six (1955) in the summer with my family. We camped, fished, photographed the bears, and took in the now-lost Emerald Pool along with all the other wonders. It left a lifelong imprint, and today, much older and sadder with the loss of my father, who drove us there, and my son, who died in an avalanche in the nearby Madison Range a few years ago, winter in Yellowstone has become a healing place of silence and solitude for me.

Organization: Winter Wildland Alliance

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1261 **Comment Id:** 129120 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I think that it would be a real shame to deny our children and future generations the opportunity to discover Yellowstone on a snowmobile. I grew up in Idaho and my family and I have had many of great rides through the park. I am asking you to not ban the use of snowmobiles. I truly believe that the only way to see the park in it's real light is riding it. My parents went on their honeymoon snowmobiling through the park. Most of my fondest memories were created there. I can not imagine not being able to share the same memories with my children. There are very few places that remain left to ride. As a whole snowmobilers are a respectful of nature in general and to deny us the beauty of the park on a cold winter day would be a travesty. Please think of all the enjoyment that it brings to those who have been luck enough to experience it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 371 **Comment Id:** 126655 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a guide/instructor in Yellowstone National Park. I've been traveling into the Interior with groups since 2002. With the current restrictions in place, I have seen a positive change in noise levels and attitudes. I work with skiers who often come into the Park with a negative opinion of snowmobiles/bilers. After traveling and skiing in the Interior for a number of days, they feel better about allowing snowmobiles into the park. However, there is still quite a noise factor when one is standing near the road watching 10 machines or more travel past. With all that said, knowing that this will be litigated past our lifetimes, I feel it is important to keep preservation at the forefront, while still allowing for the enjoyment of the people.

Organization: please uncheck member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 332 **Comment Id:** 126543 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe the most important park values and resources are the animals and the environment. I would hate to see the park destroyed because of these oversnow vehicles. I would love to see them not being used at all in Yellowstone! There was a time where there was no such machine and people managed to see the park! Let's not let the value of money, of business, take away from the values of a natural resource! I know that outlawing the OSVs completely will not happen. But could the number of OSVs in Yellowstone be decreased?

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Law **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 784 **Comment Id:** 127154 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As one who values snowmobile use as a modality to visit public lands, I can say that the experience of snowmobiling in Yellowstone provides an unparalleled inspirational experience. The Park's interpenetrate information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 781 **Comment Id:** 127141 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been snowmobiling in Yellowstone since 1996. I have to admit those first few years in the park there were lots of snowmobiles and with the two stroke engines they polluted too much and the numbers were great. When they park service mandated the four stroke machines that seemed to eliminate that problem, The number of snowmobiles were reduced also, This year they were reduced again to too small of a number. The requirement for a guide was a good idea in a way, but the expense is way to much now. It is over 350 to 400 bucks , even dividing it out with ten in a group adds up too much..then you have the cost of admission to the park too,,that i do not mind, its good for a week but cannot afford to go in more than one day, I understand the problem of non guided snowmobiles. It was mostly kids on the fast snowmobiles. The rangers did a good job the best they could, They would use radar to check the speed at times.

Organization: citizen

Commenter: Thomas F Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 441 **Comment Id:** 128637 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Several years ago my husband and I did the snow mobile trip into Old Faithful.... the fumes and noise level were awful. Needless to say we have not done it again.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 703 **Comment Id:** 126877 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have enjoyed the park and resided in Utah and Montana since 1974. My first extensive trip to cross country ski at Old Faithful was in 1988. We went in via snowcoach and skied for 3 days. Amazing beauty. During that trip we stayed at the old "Snow Lodge" and the trip was

marred by noise, fumes and interruption of the quiet beauty of nature by snow mobiles. It was difficult to get away from the noise even 15 miles from the lodge. We witnessed bison having to try and move away from people on snowmobiles and saw how disruptive it was to these animals trying to survive a very harsh winter. Our second winter trip into Old Faithful to ski was Jan. 2008, 20 years later. Again we took the snow coach in and stayed 3 nights. It was quite a different experience with somewhat quieter snowmobiles, although they are still too noisy for that type of spectacular nature experience. We didn't have to hear them idling and producing fumes in front of the Snow Lodge late into the night, since guides are required. Hopefully with guides, riders don't harass the animals as much. More people were skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating (get some exercise America).

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 317 **Comment Id:** 126434 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: During my summer employment contracts, I was a frequent user of the West gate. As I was coming and going, I would see long lines of cars, SUVs, RVs, motorcycles, Tour Buses, and yes 18 wheelers. Each day the park allows as many of the above to enter so long as the entrance fee is paid or a Senior Pass was presented. The 18 wheelers would only be entering for park deliveries such as gas or food deliveries.

Organization:

Commenter: Bill Sampson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 264 **Comment Id:** 127500 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A very important aspect of my wilderness experience is enjoying the peace and quiet of nature (as well as the noises of nature...of birds, of animals, of waterfalls, of falling snow). Snowmobiles ruin such experience for me, even when they are miles away.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1350 **Comment Id:** 127270 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize the impact.

Organization:

Commenter: Ben Appel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 994 **Comment Id:** 128158 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: took at trip to Yellowstone a year ago and it stands high on my list of great snowmobile outings. This is for several reasons, first of all the panoramic scenery is breath taking. Everything looks 100 times better covered in snow haha. Secondly, not only was the area awesome looking there was so much of it! An all day ride and we seen more wildlife then fellow riders. And finally this particular trip to Yellowstone provided me with the opportunity to bond with my family. I believe there is no better way to interact with family and friends then riding through amazing territory having fun pushing our limits and sharing stories about past snowmobile trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127017 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are LOUD. This ruins the outdoor experience in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 126 **Comment Id:** 127550 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: There is only so much a person can see driving that road through the Lamar Valley. Don't get me wrong - I love the Lamar and her treasures; however, to spend the money & time driving to YNP I want to enjoy all of the wonders she has to offer, especially during the winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 80 **Comment Id:** 129454 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What we did NOT appreciate were the snowmobilers, the smell of gas, the noise, and the disruption when we had to stop skiing and wait for a long line of rowdy, loud and hooting/hollering snowmobilers to pass before we could resume a conversation or hear a talk about what we were looking at from our leader. It was obnoxious and totally NOT in keeping with the pristine, quiet, sacred

world of Yellowstone in the winter. It's not just the snowmobiles. It's, in general, the type of person who RIDES them. Hell's Angels on snow. Loud, smoking, drinking, obnoxious folks who have little/no respect for the beauty of the natural world. They behaved in the Snow Lodge at the dinner table just as they did on their snowmobiles - perhaps their hearing was destroyed by the noise.

Organization: Great Yellowstone Coalition

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Correspondence Id: 985 **Comment Id:** 128146 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Most people including myself visit National Parks so to enjoy the beauty and peace of nature. With motorized vehicles being allowed, they will take away from that experience and not allow visitors to fully understand and appreciate the beauty of this park. Most hikers do not want to hear a distant revving of an engine as you hike through the snow covered aspens and pines.

Organization: ANPR

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Correspondence Id: 981 **Comment Id:** 128139 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: .I understand all the controversy about the snowmobiles but the guides we were with were very careful not to disturb the animals. We remained on the road at all times. the buffalo didn't seem to even notice our presence, feeding right along side of us. It was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. Most of our party enjoyed it more then our Spring and summer trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 770 **Comment Id:** 127109 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We live in Bozeman, a town 90 miles from the Park whose economy depends in large part on Park tourism. As locals, we are also lucky enough to enjoy the Park ourselves, whether skiing or taking a snowcoach in winter, hiking in summer, or wildlife viewing in all seasons. Until the snowmobile numbers decreased, we never wanted to visit the Park in the winter, due particularly to their noise and speed. Especially in winter when auto use declines and the snow and cold encourage quiet, the noise of many motors is not just personally annoying but seems anathema to the whole atmosphere the Park should represent for wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 744 **Comment Id:** 127056 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On the basis of my personal experience while visiting the Old Faithful area in the winter, the new rules limiting the use of snowmobiles to guided tours has been very successful in reducing noise, fumes and congestion in the Park. Let's complete the job.

Organization:

Commenter: Willaim G Hayward **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 743 **Comment Id:** 127053 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The best way to enjoy a natural area is by quietly walking through and taking in the natural beauty.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Reis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 150 **Comment Id:** 128343 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow-coaches provide a superior method of providing visitor access, while protecting the park resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglass Owen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1360 **Comment Id:** 127288 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please come and see and help those in control, extend the year...to full value of the Pass..we all pay for

Organization: Hotel Owner

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1130 **Comment Id:** 127951 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Having visited Yellowstone NP during the summer of 1987 I have hoped to take a winter vacation and ride some of the same areas. I find it unfortunate and deeply disappointing to be a witness to the prejudices being expressed and supported to prohibit snowmobiling. With the current restrictions, limited numbers of sleds and only sleds with best technology being allowed in the Park, winter emissions can only be miniscule when compared to the emissions released into the Park during the summer months of unlimited tour buses, campers, and personal vehicles that crowded the roads and visitor centers. While I know my personal experience will not be considered acceptable evidence, when I traveled by the center for Old Faithful in 1987 there was not a parking spot to be had!

Organization: BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA

Commenter: Chris R Hutt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1032 **Comment Id:** 126271 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: have in years passed been thru the Yellowstone National Park on snowmobiles, it is a wonderful experience and should be enjoyed by all. By eliminating motorized travel in the Park during the winter we have eliminated a large number of American Citizens from this experience, the elderly and impaired people no longer have this opportunity!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127079 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 1. Snowcoaches- Both our tours were very well conducted. In both instances the guides were knowledgeable and provided interesting historical and environmental information regarding about the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim VandenBerg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127083 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 5. Conservation- Visiting Yellowstone NP in the winter was truly a memorable experience. As a conservationist and taxpayer, I would regret to see that opportunity to visit the park in the winter be curtailed. While thinking about what it would be like without that winter experience, I

am reminded of a quote by Baba Dioum - In the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught. How can the citizens of the United States support conservation of Yellowstone or other great places across our country when they are only able to see it on a Ken Burn's video? Wise use and learning about our natural resources is essential for long-term conservation. Part of that educational process, leading to a deeper understanding and ultimately affection requires continued public visitation. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the winter use plan, and I am hoping you can keep me informed about any final decisions you make.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim VandenBerg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 735 **Comment Id:** 127045 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It's unfortunate, but not all members of the public, nor apparently every local guide, can be trusted to follow the rules. When people are off on their own, they can do as they please. The large groups of snowmobiles that I have witnessed in years past, not only ruined our experience with extreme sound and air pollution, they endangered the animals. We often saw tracks of snowmobiles going off-road to chase animals, or saw large snowmobile groups surrounding them on the road, causing stress that in summer might be annoying, but in winter could be the difference between life and death for the animal.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary M Hogg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 643 **Comment Id:** 126772 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: WE VISIT YELLOWSTONE EACH WINTER AS OUR FAMILY VACATION. THE QUITE, THE BEAUTY, THE JOY OF MEETING LIKE MINDED PEOPLE WHO APPRICIATED THE ART OF PATIENT OBSERVATION DRAWS US THERE. PLEASE PROTECT AND RESPECT THESE NATIONAL TREASURES TO KEEP THEM WILD AND SPECIAL. THERE ARE SO FEW REMAINING ! I COULD CONTINUE TO WRITE FOR PAGES ABOUT MY FAMILYS DEEP LOVE AND CONCERN FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIROMENTIAL ISSUES, BUT THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR= MANY PEOPLE REALLY CARE.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: marcia maroon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1349 **Comment Id:** 128067 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It has legendary riding scenery, all the trees and some animals, and how vast the park is.

Organization: SnoWest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1030 **Comment Id:** 126255 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Being able to enjoy Yellowstone National park is by far my favorite thing to do each snowmobiling season! I've visited the park in the summer months as well, but nothing can possibly compare to the beauty and splendor of seeing the park with its snowfall. Snowmobiling in the park allows one to enjoy so much more of the park by allowing you to get to places otherwise impossible to see in the warm months.

Organization:

Commenter: Gib Trontvet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1306 **Comment Id:** 128620 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As it seems it would be impossible to get lost being able to ride only the roads thru the park the same as autos or motorcycles who do not need guides.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Arlen Wenté **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1297 **Comment Id:** 128235 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I first visited Yellowstone during spring break of 1997. My wife and I decided to rent a snowmachine. The access to the beautiful and majestic landscapes was aweinspiring. It actually inspired me to buy snowmobiles and return to Yellowstone one day. I now have two children that are just reaching the riding age. I would love to be able to take them to Yellowstone and experience the beautiful scenery upclose and personal.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128218 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family has visited the town of West Yellowstone many times. We love the area in the winter. We have also seen the park in the winter, which is breathtaking! Why would we not be able to still enjoy that winter beauty from the seat of a eco-friendly snowmobile??

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1123 **Comment Id:** 127922 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep the open parts of snowmobiling open in Yellowstone National Park. I am 39 years old and have been enjoying responsible snowmobiling almost every winter in the park since my first family trip there when I was 14. My Mother, Father, Sister, and Brother took our first trip to Yellowstone in 1985. I'll never forget this first ever trip there. I remember it like it was yesterday. Typically, our family take at least 1-2 trips to Yellowstone every year to enjoy the best snowmobiling in the country. We are responsible citizens that abide by the rules and laws of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles D Brickles **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1027 **Comment Id:** 126261 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We have had a wonderful experience on snow mobiles in the park and want to see this opportunity continue.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127711 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The following text answers the questions posed in the invitation to participate in scoping for the winter use plan. The special opportunity to enter YNP in winter enables visitors to observe wildlife, thermal features, and geographic features in a natural winter setting relatively unaffected by human development. This is a unique experience for most visitors accustomed to urban environments. Visitors can better understand the complete ecological picture of animal behavior and natural processes by observing them in winter as well as summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127733 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I spent several days at Old Faithful during the winters of 1978 and 1980, and at the Canyon Yurts in 2003. During the earlier two years, I was totally disgusted by the noise, air pollution, and wild driving of the snowmobiles. In 2003, the snowmobile traffic was much tamer but still out of place and the continuous road grooming and daily snowcoach tours were excessive for someone seeking a quiet winter experience. Now I stay in West Yellowstone and explore the northwest corner of the Park along Highway 191 on skis in order to get away from crowds and snowmobiles and snow coaches. (During the last week of February, I even saw two wolves and the remains of their latest meals.) But I would enjoy seeing the interior of the Park again in peace and quiet. Thank you for considering my comments.

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127366 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Anecdotally, I have spoken to several rangers in Yellowstone who agree with the points made above, especially the intrusiveness of the summer use compared to winter. However, if you must ban snowmobiles to appease the various ignorant and selfish special interest groups, the next best alternative is plowing the road from the west gate to Old Faithful and to Mammoth. Even in that scenario, outfitters could stage snowmobiles at Norris or Old Faithful for visits to Canyon and Lake. I do not believe that snowcoaches are a desirable option because of their terrible fuel efficiency, slow speed and absence of free choice self determination as to where and when to stop by the occupants.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 831 **Comment Id:** 127315 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My wife and I started winter activities in Yellowstone in 1992. It is one of the most incredible places in the United States at any time of the year but winter is most likely the best. We had access via snowmobile from Flagg Ranch and brought cross country skis and snowshoes for exploring the various areas while spending the nights at Old Faithful in the frontier cabins. We applaud the requirements for best available technology as over the years it has improved the experience with less noise and pollution from the older two stroke engines.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 634 **Comment Id:** 126762 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have enjoyed the natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park in winter by traveling via snowcoach, cross country skis and snowshoes. For at least a month after my visit my lungs burned, probably from the pollution from snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Parrie Pinyan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1274 **Comment Id:** 128189 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a great way to see the wildlife and country in the winter. The snowmobiles ride on top of the snow and do not tear up the land or make a mark on the land underneath the snow.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1274 **Comment Id:** 128191 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I went to Yellowstone on a snowmobile and we rode emission free low noise sleds and had a great time with no impact on the environment. It will be a winter to remember forever and we could not have seen many parts if we didn't travel by snowmobile.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1121 **Comment Id:** 127918 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Over the last 6 years I have traveled from the Seattle area to visit Yellowstone NP 6 times. I have visited in the winter and in the summer to see what can only be described as the best place on earth. During the summer visits we have fought traffic jams, loud vehicles, and polluting vehicles. In the winter we have seen a calmer, laid back atmosphere in the park. I have witnessed businesses close down for the winter since snowmobiling in the park has been restricted and I have seen others struggle to keep alive. I have overheard cross-country skiers claim "now they have their

park back". I grew up visiting and recreating in the National Parks and Forests since before I can remember. As a family we Cross-County skied into our cabin for more than 10 years. Now I snowmobile as a form of recreation. With the introduction of new regulations concerning the emissions and noise levels of snowmobiles, there should be no reason not to allow a reasonable number of BAT sleds into the park each day.

Organization:

Commenter: Todd J Daniels **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1096 **Comment Id:** 127841 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been a Yellowstone visitor since August of 1967. I have been a Yellowstone Association member for over 20 years. I worked as a seasonal interpretive ranger in Yellowstone. I was a long-time member of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, joining shortly after their founding in the early 1980s.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1096 **Comment Id:** 127845 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My biggest single concern has to do with the gradual move from winter in Yellowstone being within the reach of a citizen of average means to where it is fast becoming something only the wealthy can afford. Before I relocated to Montana in 1997, I had led several Colorado Mountain Club trips to Yellowstone from the Greater Denver Metropolitan Area. We brought up an entire busload of winter recreation enthusiasts, primarily nordic skiers. We would charter 4 or 5 Amfac snow coaches, which would meet us at Flagg Ranch, and transport the group to Old Faithful. We would spend 4 nights at the Snow Lodge or the old Snowshoe Lodge. With the cheaper room rates that were available in that day, we were able to put together a package price in the vicinity of \$250 to \$400, including bus fare back and forth, snow coach transportation each way, and four nights lodging. The more frugal participants would bring some of the food they would need during the trip, to save scarce funds. I can't imagine what it would cost to duplicate those non-profit trips in 2010.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1012 **Comment Id:** 126310 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The winter is my season of choice to enjoy the beauties of Yellowstone, for the

simple fact that one can hardly drive through the park in the summer, let alone stop and enjoy the scenery. Between the constant tour buses and many vehicles it is apparent that to enjoy this wonderful masterpiece one needs to see it in the winter, when crowds are smaller, and pollution is lowest.

Organization:

Commenter: Blake Cevering **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 734 **Comment Id:** 127040 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a skier and familiar with the challenges of balancing the needs of various groups seeking access to wilderness during the winter by virtue of a few years spent living in Colorado. I currently live near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park where we face some of the country's worst air quality. I am also a health care provider and recognize the implications of this environmental reality in the form of asthma exacerbations in people of all ages. I have witnessed the volume of visitors in Yellowstone during the summer and fall and was greatly relieved to find it much reduced during a recent winter trip.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 734 **Comment Id:** 127042 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am aware that snowmobiles are allowed into the park with some regulations (eg. limited numbers in groups, use of BAT, and required guide). The question of whether this is an appropriate use of Yellowstone's resources is a complex one. As a skier and hiker, I believe the noise, smell, and culture of snow machines disrupts my wilderness experience. I seek time in wild places in order to escape these aspects of the world. I greatly value quiet, clean air, vigorous physical activity, and the company of others who share this perspective.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 613 **Comment Id:** 126743 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I bring a group from Wisconsin to Yellowstone every other year to cross country ski and look for animals. We don't go to the old faithful end because there is too much snowmobile traffic and noise. There are 100's of miles of snowmobile trails just outside the park. Please don't let them ruin the experience for non snowmobilers and the animals. Keep snowmobiles out of the park for good.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 378 **Comment Id:** 126674 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We love Yellowstone. We have stayed at Mammoth in January a couple times and have enjoyed witnessing Yellowstone during the winter season. I believe that there would be more people traveling to the park for the scenic drive if the roads were clear. It has been mentioned that plowing the road is cheaper than grooming it for snowcoaches and it would open up vast cross country ski opportunities inside the Park. I like the idea of a weekend loop drive with a day spent skiing the Rendezvous trails in West Yellowstone and a day ski touring in the Park. Thank you for considering this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 260 **Comment Id:** 127526 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Many of the thousands of skiers who travel to West Yellowstone during November are disappointed to learn they can not enter the park.

Organization: Yellowstone Ski Festival

Commenter: Sara Hoovler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1257 **Comment Id:** 129121 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear NPS, I really believe that shutting Yellowstone down for motorized vehicles in the winter is a horrible idea. A lot of riders go there, because it is such a great place to ride. My family and I have been going there since I was just a kid. With the dwindling areas to ride in, Yellowstone is a big a big part in snowmobiler lives. Even if you just kept certain areas open, and closed the rest for the winter. Doing this would at least help the struggle that our sport is going through.

Organization: Alpine Assassins

Commenter: Kolton R Neil **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 624 **Comment Id:** 126756 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I just returned with my wife from a winter trip into Yellowstone National Park. It was

much as I had anticipated, but with less snow than I had expected. We spent 2 nights at Mammoth Hotel and 2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, and travelled in the park both by van, to Cooke City, and by snow coach. We saw wolves, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, geysers, paint pots, steam vents, and lots of wildlife.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone

Commenter: Leland R Trotter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1563 **Comment Id:** 129295 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is very important to me that use the snowmobiles be phased out in Yellowstone Park. My personal experience with snowmobiles in the back country of California has been very unhappy. As a cross country skier I have witness snowmobile riders in many areas that are closed to snowmobile use. Never in the back country have I encountered any families out for a day together on their machines. It has always been young men, driving recklessly, "high marking", crossing areas with limited snow cover (damaging plant life). Snowmobiles are very loud, cause air pollution. Personal snowmobile users often refuel their vehicles while in the back country, using fuel cans and risking fuel spills.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1562 **Comment Id:** 129320 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: Please include our comments in your plans for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan. We who are somewhat aged and cannot enjoy our natural resources in the same manner as we have for most of our life. There is nothing we enjoy more than a long walk or hike through our national park systems vast resources. With immobility comes the need for motorized vehicles to aid us in our enjoyment or our nation's park system.

Organization:

Commenter: Shirely and John Hicks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129335 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Specific Comments in Response to NPS Scoping Material Questions The scoping materials ask, "What is special about winter use in Yellowstone?" Yellowstone is an absolutely special place to our members, regardless if they live next door in gateway communities or across the state. We value the Park's scenic and historic qualities, abundant wildlife, wide variety of unique and special ecosystems, as well as opportunities to obtain visitor services like lodging, food, fuel, and interpretive

services within the park. More than anything, the stark beauty of the harsh winter elements make the winter season even more special and frankly more attractive than the other seasons are to us. We value the opportunities to stop, smell, listen, feel, and photograph the magnificence of the Park on a personal basis while enjoying the Park and communing with nature. Therefore the ability to experience the park on an individual, personal basis is a large part of the specialness of Yellowstone for our members in the winter.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129336 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: But unfortunately the true specialness of this experience has been lost for our members since the '100% commercially guided' rule was implemented for snowmobilers in 2004. Being herded through the Park by commercial businesses has turned our opportunity for a winter visit into more an expensive Disneyland experience than it is a national park experience. Yellowstone National Park should be available for individuals rather than to and through solely commercial interests.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129345 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Lack of Non-Commercial Access: We continue to believe that some level of private/non-commercial access for individuals is necessary if a long-term Winter Use Plan is going to be successful and sustainable. One specific part of this issue is that access by local residents has become difficult and unaffordable due to the fact winter visitors can access the Park's interior only through commercial operators, irrespective if they choose a snowcoach or a snowmobile as their transportation mode. The situation today is that we have only/solely 'tourists going through the Park either in a snowcoach or on a snowmobile' ? local residents have been shut out of their own backyard. That is wrong. It is therefore imperative that at least one alternative fairly and properly consider some level of non-commercial access to the park which can help local residents regain the ability to visit their local park which they love and support- and you do need their continued support if any new plan is going to be successful over the long-term. Access by the middle and lower class public has also become unaffordable through the '100% commercial use' policy since it forces all users to rent either expensive snowcoach seats or expensive snowmobiles with a guide. Winter access to Yellowstone's interior should not be for only the rich and the elite. The result has been that total winter visits have plummeted since 2004. At least one alternative should fairly and properly consider allowing non-commercial access by individuals and families so that Yellowstone does not continue to be only a 'rich man's park' over the long-term.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129346 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Another major reason why total winter visitation has dramatically decreased since 2004 is the undesirable requirement that 100% of all snowmobilers (as well as coach riders) be accompanied by a commercial guide. This commercial requirement is not an attractive option to our members since it greatly infringes upon personal choices and essentially eliminates anyone choosing to visit any portions of the Park at their own pace or leisure. It seems absurd that citizens can visit most national museums and monuments as individuals, yet they are not allowed into this park in the winter without commercial babysitters ? that is simply wrong. We continue to believe that a degree of non-commercially guided snowmobile groups can be a successful management tool in Yellowstone; consequently at least one alternative should fairly and properly consider allowing some level of non-commercial snowmobile access along the lines of what we propose below: Certified Leader Requirement: We originally proposed this concept in 2006 during the previous EIS process and continue to believe it has strong merit as a winter management tool. A Certified Leader would be similar to what has been called a non-commercial guide during previous planning processes. However, we believe "Certified Leader" better describes the responsibility exceptions of a person leading the group since non-commercial simply means "not for profit". Each leader would be required to make prior arrangement for both educating and certifying themselves as to the leadership responsibilities placed upon them to lead a group through the Park, as well as be responsible for acquiring appropriate reservations and permits for their group's entry into the Park. Additionally, the person would have to certify they are receiving no payment or other compensation from their group members for their leadership services.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129348 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Daily Limits and Variable Limits: There continues to be a lot of discussion about daily snowmobile limits, as well as a push for variable/flexible daily limits. First in respect to overall daily limits, our perspective is that the 'rules of the game' i.e. BAT and commercial guiding requirements determine the extent of snowmobile visitation which is likely and feasible. And it is important to look at 'lessons learned' before rushing to advocate for high numbers which are likely only pie in the sky if existing rules don't change. Since 2004 the 'rules of the game' have been 100% BAT snowmobiles and 100% commercially guided. There are clear trends which document that high daily snowmobile numbers will most likely never be achievable ? because the 'rules' do not provide an attractive experience to the majority of the public. Refer back to Table 1 on page 4 for a case in point: under these rules with a 720 cap during the 2008-2009 season, actual use averaged only 197 sleds per day and total snowmobile visits were only 27% of potential visits allowed. The cap was cut to 318

sleds per day for the 2009-2010 season and daily average was 193 sleds with about 61% of potential visits being utilized. And during both seasons the daily cap was approached only a handful of days over the entire season. Our point is that ? if the rules continue to be 100% BAT and commercially guided ? it is ludicrous to advocate for anything around 700 daily entries because it never was and never will be achieved ? so why create an unwarranted target for snowmobiling and take unnecessary floggings? It makes no sense.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1302 **Comment Id:** 128604 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Further the total use in the winter is less than one busy day in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 94 **Comment Id:** 129428 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Last January was my first visit to Yellowstone National Park in the winter. It was wonderful to take the snowcoach into the Old Faithful area and stay in one of the cabins. My husband and I cross country skied the continental divide, through Spring Creek and back to our cabin. People had told us that the noise levels of the snowmobiles would be unpleasant; however, we were pleased that the newer machines are quieter and that since people are guided through the park on their snowmobiles we saw only responsible drivers.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine M Frischmann **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1494 **Comment Id:** 128550 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As already noted, the unique winter experience in Yellowstone relies heavily upon opportunities of visitors to enjoy the natural soundscape (the silence of deep winter in the park's interior and the subtle natural sounds such as the gurgling and hissing of thermal features), observation of the park's wildlife in a winter setting (large mammals such as elk and bison browsing in deep snow, superior wolf viewing opportunities, presence of trumpeter swans), and the clarity of winter air within one of the nation's best-preserved airsheds.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1494 **Comment Id:** 128552 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Regarding motorized winter access, NPS has documented significant benefits from its commendable implementation of 100-percent commercial guiding six winters ago. Professional drivers aware of the needs and behaviors of Yellowstone's animals, versed in the park's rules, and knowledgeable about the park's geology, wildlife and history, have helped NPS mitigate adverse impacts to public safety and park resources while providing enhanced visitor education.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126860 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My husband and I visit the Yellowstone area at least once a year. It takes us a day to drive there in the summer. We have been there to ski once in the past decade, and hope to go again to enjoy the unique ecosystem and beautiful setting. I may reveal a personal bias when I say that snowmobiles destroy that ethereal experience. I am convinced that the reduction (or elimination!) of numerous motorized vehicles, and the requirements for engine improvements, will provide a far healthier atmosphere for human visitors as well as for the fauna that have no choice in the matter.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126861 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems evident that snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. We found these to be a perfectly adequate method of obtaining access to the heart of the park during our winter trip, and will use them again. Given the weather extremes in the park, snowcoaches provide safer access for visitors; and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 175 **Comment Id:** 129306 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: While many claim that well-regulated use of new quieter machines is perfectly consistent with other uses, that is simply not true, and I can't overstate how important it is not to buy into this false claim.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1465 **Comment Id:** 128820 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Restricting access to 318 snowmobiles with the requirement to enter the Yellowstone with a commercial guide has forced the price of access to as much as \$250 for a day trip. I do not know many Wyoming families who can afford that kind of an expense. Both the numbers limitation and the cost prohibition have restricted access and made the Yellowstone winter use experience inaccessible for nearly all citizens of Wyoming and citizens of the United States.

Organization: Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 975 **Comment Id:** 128074 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Sadly, I have not been the park during winter for quite some time. It has just been too expensive. By the time I rent a machine, get a guide, and pay for the entrance fee, I can pay for a couple days of ridding outside of the park. I miss seeing the ice cap below the lower falls. I know Yellowstone very well. In fact, I probably know more about Yellowstone than most that work in Yellowstone. Yellowstone has been a part of my life for as long as I remember. I just don't understand the requirement for guides. I would just be paying someone to babysit me. The general public doesn't set out to violate laws. In general, people strive to keep laws. The last time I was in the park during winter, I didn't see anyone going off the trails or harassing animals. In acting a permit system, much like a backcountry permit, for those who don't need a guide would be a great alternative to a high priced guide.

Organization:

Commenter: David Holbrook **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129637 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Park visitation under this Rule bottomed out as a minus 71 percent/minus 64,000 visitors and a minus \$708,000 in entrance revenue during the 2004/2005 winter season. Likewise,

unless something changes from the severe restrictions imposed by the Temporary Rules, GTNP/Parkway snowmobile visitation will most likely continue at the current daily average of zero. We don't believe that should be the case, especially since more revenue is always needed to help manage the parks.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129638 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As mentioned above, overall winter visitation to Yellowstone has declined dramatically during the three years the rule had been in effect when compared to overall visitation numbers previous to the Temporary Rule. These changes are summarized in table 1 on the following page with data from the NPS Public Use Statistics Office. Highlights include: - Compared to the 'historic high' 1992/93 season when there were a total of 105,536 snowmobile and snow coach visitors (91,196 snowmobile and 14,340 snowcoach), there has been an overall decrease of 94,269 visitors/ - 60.9%, 56,797 visitors/-53.8%, and 53,381 visitors/-50.6% respectively during the 2004/05, 2005/06, and 2006/07 seasons. - Overall Yellowstone visitation is also down dramatically under the Temporary Plan when compared to the 'most recent high season prior to implementation of the Temporary Rule' (2001/02) when there 99,038 total visitors (87,206 snowmobile visitors and 11,832 snowcoach visitors). This equated to a decrease of 57,771 visitors (-58.3%) in 2004/05, a decrease of 50,299 visitors (-50.8%) in 2005/06, and a decrease of 46,883 visitors (-47.3%) in 2006/07. - The bottom line is that, even with a 72% (+8,518 visitors) increase in snow coach visitors over the past five years, total park visitation remains down 47.3% (-46,883) visitors after three years of the Temporary Plan framework because snowmobile visitors remain down by 63.5% (-55,401 visitors). - Under the Temporary Rule, snowmobiles were averaging about 1.3 passengers per sled while snow coaches are averaging about 8 passengers per vehicle ? neither is substantively different than what they were 15 years ago. - Yellowstone's visitor entrance revenue has been down approximately \$708,000, \$629,000, and \$585,000 per year during the three years of the Temporary Plan. [Hard copy letter contained Table 1: Comparison of Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snow Coach Visitation and Revenue]. See Administrative Record for original letter.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129639 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snow coach Visitation: There has been a lot of emphasis's that snow coaches are being touted the transportation of the future in Yellowstone. There have been massive attempts to market snow coach visitation during the three years of the Temporary Plan, as well as in the years leading up to it. And many proponents have trumpeted the "large increase in coach riders" and that "winter visitors have voted with their feet ? and well over 60% of snowmobile visitors voted to walk away. And today over 55,000 of them continue to stay away ? because the winter experience being

offered is not what they desire.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129640 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: When you look closely at the snow coach visitation in Table 1 it shows that, really, the snow coach visitor level is not that much different from what it was sixteen years ago. The NPS Public Use Statistics Office reports that there were a total of 14,340 snow coach visitors in Yellowstone during the 1992/93 winter season. Interestingly, snow coach visitors then declined to as low as 9,071 in the 1995/96 winter season and never reached the 14,000 mark again for eleven years when, in the 2003/04 winter season (the year prior to implementation of the Temporary Rule), it hit 14,833. (Is this another case of visitors voting with their feet?) So since the Temporary Rule has gone into effect (along with all the intense coach marketing efforts by businesses, NPS, and special interest groups promoting snow coaches), snow coach visitation has really only increased by 5,527 riders (37.3%) since the start of the Temporary Rule or by 6,010 riders (41.9%) as compared to 1992/93 ? so that's really only an average growth rate of 2.6% per year when compared to sixteen years ago despite massive marketing efforts over the past years. So the question is a 2.6% increase- a large increase in snow coach riders? Another important observation regarding snow coach visitation is that the number of snow coaches entering Yellowstone have increased quite dramatically over the past sixteen years ? from 1,147 in the 1992/93 winter season to 2,448 in the most recent 2006/2007 winter season. This equates to 113.4% growth and an addition 1,301 snowcoaches per years ? for only an additional 6,010 riders over this same period. A lot of seats were added- but do you have "cheeks in the seats?" This is important because heavy snow coaches' subject groomed trails to significant wear and year ? so their increased use has certainly had a negative impact on the quality and durability of groomed roads in the park. And snow coaches are yet unregulated in Yellowstone in respect to their tailpipe emissions ? so more than doubling the number of tailpipes for just a few more riders has also unnecessarily increased the emissions and sound levels within the park. It seems hard to characterize this growth as a success.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129641 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Over the past fifteen years the average number of riders per snow coach has also remained relatively flat, fluctuating between 7.2 and 8.3 riders per vehicle. Since most snow coaches are modified 15-passenger vans, this means that, today, and for the past 15 years, snow coaches have operated at about 50% of their seating capacity ? or less given that several larger "modern coaches" have been placed into service in recent years. If the premise is that coaches are better since they are mass transit, shouldn't they be managed closer to their 'transit carrying capacity' to help minimize the number of tailpipes entering the park? Our observation is that NPS has been handing out snow coach concession permits to anyone and everybody which has done nothing other than to dilute the intended

benefits of winter mass transit in Yellowstone. We hope future permit allocation reconsiders this practice and limits the number of vehicles to only what are really needed to meet visitor's demand and interest.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129642 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is interesting to note that the number of snow coach vehicle entries into Yellowstone actually declined slightly (15 vehicles = 0.6%) in 2006/07 as compared to the 2005/06 season. This is good in that it helped move the average number of riders per coach up slightly, from 8.062 to 8.313. But when you couple this with the fact that overall snow coach visitors only increased by 494 riders (2.5%) over the same time period, you have to wonder if the public's interest in snow coach visitation has possibly peaked and once again reached its saturation point? Have the commercial folks realized that they are over seat capacity? Perhaps another lesson learned from the airline industry. The NPS needs to be extremely cautious about proceeding with only the existing framework of the Temporary Plan ? because visitation likely may not be sustainable and could instead revert to decreases like what happened with snow coach visitation between 1992 and 2004.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129643 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Three years into the Temporary Plan the park was still down nearly 47,000 visitors, so it seems that something needs to be changed ? if there is hope of getting any substantive numbers of those past visitors back. Some individuals and interest groups will continue to say these visitors will/should come from snowcoach riders. But when one looks at the facts that seems extremely unlikely and quite frankly, would come with extreme consequences to the park's infrastructure and particularly the groomed roadways.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129644 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Based upon the past fifteen year's trend as well as current figures, 2,448 snow coaches were required to handle 20,350 riders at an average of 8.3 riders per coach. If one were to replace the 47,000 overall lost visitors with just snowcoach riders at the current rate, this would require

another 5,662 snowcoach entries (annual total of over 8,100 snow coaches) into the park per year ? which would absolutely decimate the park's groomed snow roads. And even if snow coach riders increased to an average of 12 per vehicles (80% occupancy- "cheeks in the seats"), it would still require over 5,600 snow coach entries per season ? which would still decimate the quality of groomed roads.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129652 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Comments Related to Certified Group Leaders and Members of Their Groups (Pilot Project) Clearly the "commercial guides-only" requirement has been the death knell of sustainable winter visitation in Yellowstone. And this requirement has also changed the demographics of "snowmobile visitors" to Yellowstone. In our visits with numerous commercial snowmobile tour operators in both the Jackson and West Yellowstone areas, they have estimated that 80 to 90 percent of their clients during the term of the Temporary Rule and current plan have never been on a snowmobile before their guided trip into Yellowstone. While this is good in respect to introducing many new people to snowmobiling, it is not so good in respect that snowmobile visitation to Yellowstone is now primarily just 'tourists who have never seen a snowmobile before riding one into the park.' Real snowmobiler's (those who own one or at least have experience riding one ? like our constituents) have for the most part been displaced- because of the commercial guiding requirement.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129799 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Table 2 on page 11 and accompanying maps on pages 12-14 illustrate snowmobile counter data and locations for the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail for the 1999-2000 through 2003-2004 winter seasons (the most recent statistics readily available. This data was collected by out Wyoming State Trails Program staff, in partnership with local forest district personnel, through the use of infrared trail counters at selected sites for CDST monitoring and information collection. You will note that this trail across the Shoshone and Bridger-Teton National Forests in Wyoming is a popular and heavily used venue. While it receives steady use from east (the Lander area) to west (the Togwotee/Black Rock area), use generally increases as you move westward. The Squaw Basin, Togwotee, and Hatchet counters are all located west of the Continental Divide and consistently record some of the highest traffic counts. Daily counts for the whole trail system range from 121 to 163 snowmobiles per day, while daily averages towards the west ends of the trail can be over 300 snowmobiles per day. While not all of these snowmobilers regularly traverse the entire length of the CDST across both forests, a good number of groups do. And many of these groups tour their CDST trip as one of their 'lifetime snowmobiling experiences.' The CDST is an extremely unique and special snowmobiling experience that we're trying to keep intact so that future groups don't have to dead-end

their trips at Black Rock ? but can instead continue across GTNP, JDR, and then national forest trails into Idaho and eventually end up at West Yellowstone, Montana. These through-trips are important ? and don't require a large number of daily snowmobile entries to accommodate. [Hard copy letter contained Table 2: CDST Snowmobile Use Figures on the Shoshone and Bridger-Teton National Forests]. [Hard copy letter contained Maps showing the Continental Divide Snowmobiles Trail]

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1463 **Comment Id:** 128169 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have snowmobiled in Yellowstone several times and it always a wonderful experience

Organization:

Commenter: Randy B Lehman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128627 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Superintendent Suzanne Lewis Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190 Dear Superintendent Lewis: As a concerned citizen who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128629 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I offer the following suggestions in consideration of Yellowstone's solicitation for public ideas about making permanent rules for winter use. ? The scoping notice describes objectives that include providing public access while protecting Park resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing universal access. Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1287 **Comment Id:** 128221 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Riding in Yellowstone is like no other. In past trips I have gone with friends and family, and it always seems like when we see each other the memories of riding snowmobile together in Yellowstone seem to be the first to come to mind.

Organization:

Commenter: Nick N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 795 **Comment Id:** 127169 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park on almost an annual basis for over 20 years. This year I extended my visits to include the winter. I drove to Mammoth Springs and over to Cook City, I snowmobiled from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and Canyon Village. This was my most memorable trip in those 20 years and why the national parks were created, "provide for the use and enjoyment" of the parks for current and future generations. All over-snow activity was very controlled with minimal impact on the environment. I make this assessment from my observations of the wild life on our tours. Buffalo and Elk just 25 to 50 yard off the road never even looked up as we passed. In addition it has been my personal experience that a very large percentage of the visitors never leave a very narrow corridor of the park roads, which leave the majority of the park undisturbed by visitors both summer and winter.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 719 **Comment Id:** 126992 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My daughter and I spent a week skiing in Yellowstone about 10 years ago. We parked outside the park, rode a snowcoach in, and stayed at the Snow Lodge. Except for the noise and fumes from snowmobiles, it was a wonderful trip. In addition to noise and reduced air quality, we did have one other disturbing experience. When we were leaving on the snowcoach, we came across an elk or bison kill. It had happened during the night, perhaps by wolves, and now a coyote was trying to grab a meal. However, the thin coyote was prevented from accessing the kill because 2 or 3 snowmobiles were gathered around the carcass with people walking around. Our snowcoach stopped to look, but we all stayed on the coach, content to watch what should have been a great wildlife scene. Instead, we watched people gawking and preventing a wild animal from getting something to eat.

Organization: GYC; NPCA; NRDC

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Correspondence Id: 1580 **Comment Id:** 129854 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The previous management plan took a reasonable approach to snowmobiling, although subsequent analysis indicates daily limits were to low. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a delightful, unique and valuable experience. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Jack Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1580 **Comment Id:** 129859 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As one who values snowmobile use as a modality to visit public lands, I can say that the experience of snowmobiling in Yellowstone provides an unparalleled inspirational experience. The Park's interpenetrate information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Jack Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1580 **Comment Id:** 129860 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping information referenced several Plan Objectives, including those related to Visitor Use. One Plan Objective is: Provide opportunities that are universally accessible. I support this objective because many snowmobilers use snowmobiles for access and recreation because they are physically unable to snowshoe or ski. But I am concerned that the Objective may be interpreted as meaning alternative opportunities should be universally accessible. Such an approach would be like requiring ALL hiking trails in the Park be universally accessible. Also, your analysis should consider that snowmobiles are chosen as a preferred recreation modality by many of the elderly and the handicapped.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Jack Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1579 **Comment Id:** 129823 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Stopping on the East Entrance Road at an overlook where you have snow-covered Yellowstone Lake below you and Rt. Sheridan and the Teton Range beyond can be an unforgettable and possibly life-changing experience. It is why national parks exist. How to allow these kinds of experiences for park visitors and protect the park at the same time, and keep the park staff from developing anti - visitor prejudices is the nub of the current issue.

Organization:

Commenter: John Osgood **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129532 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Visitor use: I believe the interpretive skills and knowledge of the drivers and guides has been considerably improved over the past 5 years because of the increased training provided by the NPS. They are doing an excellent job of imparting an appreciation of the park and an understanding of the Park's winter resources and values and the unbelievable, first hand respect, of this vast winter eco system. Both modes of over snow travel provide an opportunity to see first-hand deep into Yellowstone's expanse and natural phenomenon that cannot be witnessed by a single trip to Old Faithful and back. The snowmobile is more adept in traveling around the lower loop and farther destinations than the snowcoach. Both provide trips to Old Faithful, the Canyon and Mammoth, thereby providing a broader appreciation for places that few people would get to witness otherwise. Some of these places cannot easily be reached by snowcoaches and certainly not by human powered activities.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129546 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is nearly impossible for the operator to fill to the last snowmobile permit (slot) with a static daily cap. Filling each slot by an individual operator is the exception rather than the rule. This, because of group sizes that do not fit into nor fill out an existing group, private group sizes, different destinations, different riding and age capabilities, last minute cancellations and the lack of certainty for the operator and the visitor. It is still more difficult to correlate and fill the number of snowmobiles going through the West Gate by 8 different operators and still more difficult to correlate and fill the whole Park's cap. This is impossible and has never even been close to happening. Please find attached an YNP, West Entrance Snowmobiles, Winter 2009-10 graph from Dec. 15 through February 28th. Even though we as operators have turned away hundreds of visitor reservations, we have never filled the 160 static cap one day through the West Gate. At my request the Concessions office provided a draft report of the number of snowmobiles, excluding other gate reentries and contractors. The above graph reflects those numbers. The Peak times were during Christmas vacation with the highest number being 155 for only two days. Please compare this with the YNP, West Entrance Snowmobiles, Winter 2007-08 graph which shows 43 days above 160 as at that time there was not a 160 cap in place. Comparing this graph with the 160 cap of 2009-10, it is safe to say that 2,487 snowmobiles, with a

passenger ridership of 1.34 above the 160 line were denied access because of the cap of 160 this winter. Therefore, 3,332 visitors were denied access to Yellowstone National Park under the current cap this year alone.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1449 **Comment Id:** 129039 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Park Service, I am writing to comment on the Winter Use Plan, Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. My comment contains several considerations pertaining to winter use and access; my personal experience with the park, impact review, and justice consideration. The first and last time I visited Yellowstone was late January 1987. My family and friends stayed in West Yellowstone at a rental condo and were fortunate to spend a half-day in the park by snowmobile on the road to and from Old Faithful. In 1987 there were enforced rules for the preservation of the park, its wildlife, and safety of the visitors. Rules such as speed limits, wildlife clearance, travel limits to specified roads, road-viewing points, and designated parking areas. At age 16 I found this to be a "boring" snowmobile ride; all the while; understanding that this was a marvelous opportunity and a precious chance to witness a truly special place. This appreciation of what I was witnessing and keen awareness of the rules was primarily from the proud tutelage, and self-appointed "guide", my mother, a Forest Service employee, enthusiastically leading the group by camera and semi-confident factoids. My mother returned to West Yellowstone early February 2009 to find the trip into the park to be forbidding and, even worse, cost prohibitive. This was very disheartening to my mother, a 35-year veteran forest service employee, who spent one long summer and fall away from home (1988) as a member of a national team battling the Yellowstone fires. The park entry restrictiveness and high cost has been my and many of my friend's primary consideration not to visit West Yellowstone or other park side communities; the other is the aberrant crowding of Yellowstone in the summertime.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1434 **Comment Id:** 129055 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Department: I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen but also as a licensed Yellowstone National Park snowmobile concessionaire. Please consider my comments as I am an experienced professional operator, doing business renting and guiding snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park for over 30 years. Over the course of my career I have seen many changes and had to deal with many challenges associated with winter over the snow access to the Park. My business has adapted and changed with each new set of rules and limitations.

Organization:

Commenter: David McCray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1434 **Comment Id:** 129060 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Larger snowmobile numbers disperse people throughout the Park. With only 20 spots per day per purveyor it makes no sense to gamble on a different destination other than Old Faithful when we are full every day any way. In past year we were able to offer guided trips to mammoth or Canyon and the lower loop. The bigger numbers helps keep the cost of renting a snowmobile lower for the visitor, [more supply]. When allocations are available from competitors we purchase them for our clients but have to pass that purchase price along. A park allocation is now a commodity, trading in Jackson for \$100.00 dollars each. This new demand for park allocations is unfair to the visitor and will ultimately raise the cost of a park tour to the point that only the rich can afford it.

Organization:

Commenter: David McCray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 958 **Comment Id:** 127862 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe that the current snowmobiles are no more a threat to the environment than the thousands of cars that are present in the park during the summer. The animals did not seem any more disturbed by our presence than they were by the snow coaches. In fact, it seemed to me that the people on snowmobiles were the most well-informed and respectful of all the visitors I encountered in the park

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 794 **Comment Id:** 127167 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone several times, but never in the Wintertime. It is one of the very special things I want to do. Given that recent studies seem to indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience. Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides. This would insure that I, my siblings, my children, and my grandchildren will be able to enjoy the might of a Winter Yellowstone.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1659 **Comment Id:** 129978 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As one who values snowmobile use as a modality to visit public lands, We maintain that the experience of snowmobiling in Yellowstone provides an unparalleled inspirational experience. The Park's interpenetrate information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Organization: Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA)

Commenter: Ken Salo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129066 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To the National Park Service: The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) appreciates the opportunity to submit these scoping comments on the long-term plan for winter use in Yellowstone National Park and supporting environmental impact statement (EIS). MOS members have visited Yellowstone, as it contains important habitat for birds and other forms of wildlife.

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129078 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: MOS is a statewide nonprofit organization established in 1945 and devoted to the study and conservation of birds. Currently we have 15 chapters and approximately 1,500 members. Some are scientists and naturalists, but our membership includes people of all ages and all walks of life, from physicists to firefighters, legislators to landscapers. Birding is one of the fastest growing types of outdoor recreation. MOS members travel to national parks on birding and nature-watching vacations throughout the United States. We spend money on food, lodging, guide services, books, and souvenirs to support the local economy wherever we go. We compliment the National Park Service on the analysis and thoughtful consideration devoted to this subject over a 10-year period. Thank you for considering our comments. Sincerely, Kurt R. Schwarz MOS Conservation Chair

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128825 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I. Rock the Earth. Rock the Earth ("RtE") is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with a national membership of concerned citizens who regularly utilize the national park system, year-round, for recreational activities. Its members regularly seek the peace, quiet and solitude of the National Park system for reflection, spiritual inspiration, and exercise, while engaging in recreational activities which include hiking, camping, photography, meditation, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and non-motorized water sports. RtE members will be directly affected by the continuation of the current policy, allowing for continued snowmobile usage within the Parks and the decision will diminish visitors'/members' ability to experience the Parks in their natural state, thereby reducing visitor enjoyment.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128826 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: RtE members have several grounds for concern. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are prominent among the meager segment of the Earth that remains for the activities we as individuals revere. It is our collective conclusion that as informed citizens, it is our responsibility to present this case for protecting these treasured fragments of the Earth. Continued use of snowmobiles in these pristine areas will devastate the naturally wild environment. High air quality, untainted wildlife habitat, raw terrain and an aura of silence are critical to the bliss we have discovered in the parks. Therefore, we find it not only our right, but also our responsibility to be concerned.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128853 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Many visitors use the Parks during the winter season, and while visitors have a range of winter recreation opportunities, ranging from primitive to developed, it is the NPS' obligation to ensure that such recreational experiences are offered in an appropriate setting that such experiences do not take place where they will irreparably impact air quality, wildlife, cultural areas or the experiences of other parks' visitors, or other parks' values and resources. By all accounts snowmobile use in current numbers is in conflict with the use of the parks' facilities by other user groups. For trails open to both motorized and non-motorized users, non-motorized users express dissatisfaction with the sound, odor, and quantity of snowmobiles. These vehicles affect the solitude, quiet, clean air, and other resource values that many people expect and wish to enjoy in national parks. Parks have documented health hazards from snowmachine emissions, harassment and unintended impacts on wildlife from groomed trails and their use, degradation of air-quality-related values and impacts on the natural soundscape. RtE members join many others in strongly objecting to the degradation of the parks' inherent values, as

well as how these impacts affect people and their recreational opportunities.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129132 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What park resources and values do you believe are most important and which of these should guide development of the winter use plan? The park resources and values are the most important to our membership: healthy ecosystems that protect special ecosystems for future generations; spectacular scenic areas where the vistas remain pristine while also being accessible to the public; healthy wildlife populations that are managed so resources are properly sustained and not overburdened; ability for public access to provide a full range of visitor experiences (remote to developed); and road systems that are properly maintained so they provide safe and reasonable public access.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128775 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The previous management plan took a reasonable approach to snowmobiling, although subsequent analysis indicates daily limits were too low. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a delightful, unique and valuable experience. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128784 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As one who values snowmobile use as a modality to visit and enjoy public lands, I can say that the experience of snowmobiling in Yellowstone provides an unparalleled inspirational experience. The Park's interpretive information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128787 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I personally take multiple trips to the area every year and have fallen in love with the area. I would really feel as though we have failed our future generations if we don't allow winter snowmobile access into the park...or other areas for that matter.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 950 **Comment Id:** 127889 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: At least once every winter we schedule a trip into Yellowstone for cross-country skiing. The first trip we rented snowmobiles from West Yellowstone. The endless noise, the constant odor of exhaust fumes and the pall of smog significantly degraded what should have been a memorable and positive experience. There were visitors racing up and down the roads and the area around Old Faithful looked very much like Sturgis during the August motorcycle rally. By contrast our most recent trip under the current policy was very positive; we traveled on the snow coaches and the noise and pollution of the snow mobiles was reduced to what, in my perception, was modest and did not significantly interfere with the sense of wonder that Yellowstone provides.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna S Rankin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 445 **Comment Id:** 128650 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Winter time in Yellowstone needs to be the quiet place it used to be, this protects wildlife and makes for wonderful backcountry experience for humans.

Organization:

Commenter: Joanna F Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 330 **Comment Id:** 126540 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My husband and I made our first winter trip to Yellowstone last week. We've spent many wonderful days in the park during the summer season, but this was our first winter experience and what an experience it was. We skied in to Tower Falls. Along the way we saw five bison up close and personal and fortunately as excited as we were to see them, they paid us no attention to us. Next

we came upon two coyotes. Again we were thrilled and they ignored us. As we drove back to Big Sky we thought about what made our first winter Yellowstone experience so amazing. It didn't take long to understand that Yellowstone in winter is so special because we were so close to the wild things. And this proximity to nature is a result of reduced motorized traffic, emphasis on snowcoach travel, and the limits placed on snowmobiles in the last few years.

Organization:

Commenter: Sarah K Peterson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 945 **Comment Id:** 127478 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: My husband and I have been coming to West Yellowstone since 1994 to snowmobile. The changes we have seen in the last 5-6 years have really upset us. Over the years, we have snowmobiled in the Park with a guide and without a guide. The last three years (2007-8-9) we were in the park one to two days with a guide. This year we chose not to go into Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen M Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 328 **Comment Id:** 126529 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Here's my reasoning. 1) During the summer, countless cars go through the park, much more polluting than some snowmobiles. 1000's of cars daily, way more than 318 snowmobiles daily. 2) What better way to encourage conservation than getting people the opportunity to see the beauty of our great National parks, especially in the winter, when most people don't get the chance to see the awesomeness of the park. The more opportunities they have to see the beauty of nature, the more they will take home that message, and push for change world-wide, such as smaller vehicles, conservation, and more. Give the people the opportunity to see the park, and they will wake the changes in their life. 3) Lastly, the business impact upon local communities is very large. I've made regular trips to West Yellowstone to see such awesome natural treasures ? and especially in the winter. By imposing strict caps, you jeopardize the livelihood of many people, businesses, and even some communities.

Organization:

Commenter: David H Doyle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 326 **Comment Id:** 126515 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I've visited Yellowstone twice in the winter, in 1986 and 1999. Both times we took a snowcoach to the Old Faithful area (from West Yellowstone in '86; from Mammoth Hot Springs in

'99). Both were wonderful experiences, but both would've been even better sans snowmobiles, which could be heard even when x/c skiing several miles from the Old Faithful ski lodge and cabins. I understand the snowmobiles are not, finally quieter and less polluting, but there are thousands upon thousands of miles of old logging roads and other trails throughout our National Forests where snowmobiles are permitted. Since science and public opinion have both consistently been on the side of removing snowmobiles from our first national park, it is time, already, to get it done.

Organization:

Commenter: James Swaney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126388 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The noise and pollution also ruin the tranquil winter park experience for those who are there to appreciate the winter wonderland

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1375 **Comment Id:** 128564 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park many, many times during all seasons via RV, SUV or snowmobile. I have found each season has its unique features: wildflowers in the spring and summer; golden aspens in the fall; and, of course, the spectacular beauty of winter. During three seasons to enter the park, in my RV or SUV, I simply show my Golden Age Passport and I am on my way. But, in the winter season if I sit on a snowmobile current regulations require I have to be in a group accompanied by a commercial guide. I find this an insulting injection of the "nanny state" concept and blatantly wrong.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1185 **Comment Id:** 128129 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There in no comparison between enjoying the park on a snowmobile compared to a snowcoach. Riding a snowmobile in Yellowstone is like riding a bicycle on Going To The Sun Road in Glacier Nat. Park. No impact on the park and no better way to enjoy the park.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Assn.

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 917 **Comment Id:** 127352 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: have visited Yellowstone for over 40 years. This year was my first time in the winter. I must say my visit in February was much more enjoyable than my visit in August. I fail to see why all the study & restrictions over winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Dave Bower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 532 **Comment Id:** 126508 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I first visited Yellowstone in the winter 20 years ago and swore I would never return because of the air pollution and noise of the snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1120 **Comment Id:** 127916 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Back in 1993 my family and I made a trip to Yellowstone to go snowmobiling. We rented 2 snowmobiles from Polaris west in west Yellowstone which at that time cost me nearly a weeks wages. Our 2 boys were 4 and 9 at the time and rode double with us and had a wonderful time so many animals and all the natural wonders of the park were unforgettable. My boys still talk about it today. Since those days only 4-stroke clean running snowmobiles are all that are allowed in only with a reserved guide . I can understand this but yet it makes little sense as 2-stroke machines still run in the mountains all around the borders of the park and seem to be just fine as even they are running much much cleaner than earlier models. So to some this up, I think it would be a great loss in so many ways if it were decided that snowmobiles are to be banned from Yellowstone !!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Rodney P Rudolph **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 872 **Comment Id:** 127544 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A long time ago, in a much happier environment I took my family to Jackson Hole spent 2-3 days shopping and enjoying our selves. Then we went to Flagg Ranch and left our snowmobile trailer and took 4 snowmobiles at our own pace through the park. Arriving at West

Yellowstone we would get a motel, spend money and go to restaurants for 2 days and go back to Flagg ranch. A couple of years ago I made the BIG MISTAKE of going to West Yellowstone to see the park, stupid me!!! I couldn't take my machines to the park and west Yellowstone was a ghost town.

Welcome the wonderful government, Environmentalist, and Sierra Club, all who should go to Cuba or Russia so they can be happy with their system. Why can't we let free enterprise thrive??? I fill so sorry for the West Yellow Stone Merchants, and City that have let the vermin take over.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert G Oyler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 717 **Comment Id:** 126889 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On the first day of January, 1991, I went on a pre-arranged trip into Yellowstone National Park on a snowmobile. Riding a loud, stinky machine through the lovely white woods of the Park was one of the most jarring and uncomfortable times of my life. Any animal within miles was sure to run and hide, so spotting wildlife was impossible. I couldn't wait to turn the machine off, and I swore I'd never take a snowmobile into such a beautiful place again.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1280 **Comment Id:** 128210 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have personally been to the park two times and it is some of the most beautiful wilderness I have ever seen, especially when it is covered in snow. Not allowing snowmobiles to enter the park in the winter would disable many people from experiencing one of the most incredible places in North America. The park SHOULD NOT be a playground for snowmobiles, but not allowing them into the park is 100% wrong. With today's 4 stroke and exec technologies, there is absolutely no reason why a SIGNIFICANT amount of snowmobilers shouldn't be able to explore Yellowstone in an environmentally friendly manner.

Organization:

Commenter: Ryan Koll **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1255 **Comment Id:** 129127 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In December of 2009 I visited Yellowstone on a guided snowmobile trip. The trip was a chance of a lifetime! I have always wanted to see Yellowstone, but am very fearful around crowds (I avoid state parks during the summer). My guide was very knowledgeable in the study of the park, from it's volcanic roots to the wildlife. With our group was a married couple from Australia, who

were visiting the U.S. and wanted to experience Yellowstone and snow. We had a fantastic time, as the guide was able to show us areas where the different vents, mud pots, etc were active. In addition, we were able to proceed at a moderate pace, as the current system has a speed regulation (which allowed one to view the surroundings and still remain alert to potential dangers). It was a fantastic time, and I believe that the current system of using the best of breed technology and responsible management will provide enjoyment for others in the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Randy Towry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1089 **Comment Id:** 127813 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules. Just like in Canyonlands and Lake Powell, BRC fights to protect snowmobiling in Yellowstone because it's the right thing to do This right here says it all

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 806 **Comment Id:** 127184 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of winter in Yellowstone by snowmobile. It was one of my favorite destinations. That is until the NPS decided that snowmobiles endanger the park and the animals. If this is true then all automobile traffic should be banned in the summer. I am sure the Park Service(?) would agree. But we forget the parks are for the enjoyment of the public not the Park Service.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold M Friedman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 597 **Comment Id:** 127187 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As a former 5 year resident of southeast Idaho (Soda Springs), I took great pleasure in spending time in the wondrous treasure Yellowstone every chance I could.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 579 **Comment Id:** 126858 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As someone who worked in Yellowstone in the 60s, when they closed the Park for the winter, I have watched with alarm as snowmobiles were introduced, destroying the sanctity of this great national treasure.

Organization:

Commenter: Meg Madden **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 61 **Comment Id:** 129443 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have taken the snowcoach tour in Yellowstone in January and it was a very good experience but it would have been even better had we not encountered numerous snowmobile riders the were probably responsible for keeping wildlife at a distance. I think a national park should provide activities that maximize safe exposure to wildlife while minimizing air and noise pollution. Therefore I am in favor of phasing out snowmobiles and replacing them with the snowcats as the preferred means for park visitors to enjoy the beauty of the park and wildlife that make it their home.

Organization: Defenders of Wildlife

Commenter: Normandie K Mindheim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1239 **Comment Id:** 126502 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have been through Yellowstone and other National Parks during the summer months and have seen thousands of cars, trucks, RV's bumper to bumper through the park. The new generation of snowmobiles have greatly reduced emissions and are not greater than that of the summer traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1231 **Comment Id:** 126522 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In closing, I've not had the opportunity to visit the park and, if given the choice I would rather see it in the winter because the air is cleaner than in the summer, with ALL of the car traffic that clogs the roads in the park

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1086 **Comment Id:** 127809 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a snowmobiler and used to be able to come to the park before you had to have a tour guide to snowmobile in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Lorie H Price **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1006 **Comment Id:** 127753 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been an avid snowmobiler for more than 25 years. I have snowmobiled in some of the world's most beautiful places, including Yellowstone, and I can say that the experience in Yellowstone was an unparalleled and inspirational outdoor experience. The Park's interpenetrate information, provided at the Park Entrance and the destinations as well as by guides is excellent. Snowmobilers leave with an enhanced appreciation of Yellowstone's natural resources.

Organization: Various Snowmobile Clubs

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Correspondence Id: 1006 **Comment Id:** 127754 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is an efficient and responsible way to experience Yellowstone in the winter, and under proper regulation and given current technology there is no good reason why it would not and should not continue to be. In fact, more than ever before, current technology allows us to have maximize the experience and minimize the impact. That, combined with responsible regulation, creates a win win situation for all parties. There is really NO reason that there needs to be a loser in this outcome. I am all for regulation in order to protect the resource, but someone needs to stand up and protect snowmobiling as a mode of transportation to visit Yellowstone because it's the right thing to do!

Organization: Various Snowmobile Clubs

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127614 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: my family & I have been to yellowstone many many times over the years in winter & summer .we prefer coming in winter, less crowds, usually more wildlife & did I mention less crowds, it is so beautiful & pristine in the winter ,but it is a huge expense the way it is now & to us less enjoyable...when we were our own guide we could take our time & enjoy the beauty at our own pace ,as it is now it is a push push hurry up we have to be at a certain place at a certain time... as it is now I don't know if we will visit again..I really like the idea of being able to take an on line course, that is reasonable, & making that person responsible for your own group. We would definitely come again under those circumstances..We like to go at our own pace & take our time at hot pots or Old Faithful or wherever...you miss a lot of what we feel yellowstone is all about in the winter the way it is now..we love the mountains & wildlife & the beauty yellowstone offers in both winter & summer, but the awe inspiring beauty in the winter is something I would like my grandchildren & great grandchildren to be able to afford to enjoy

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 886 **Comment Id:** 127611 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a lover of the outdoors and of nature, and I believe that we need to take care of it. Taking care of nature does not mean restricting or even eliminating access. I am not a snowmobile rider but I do spend a lot of time outdoors. I do not believe that snowmobiles cause any significant damage to the park or to the wildlife (I did read the reports). I strongly believe that the limitations that are in place are adequate and we should not take away the rights of those who wish to enjoy the park in that way.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127602 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone, with its well developed system of roads and unique geothermal features offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity for recreation. It is uniquely suited to family snowmobile access. People are not allowed to travel off the groomed trail system. There are stops along the way for food and warming up. It allows for a more year around economy both in the park and in surrounding communities.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127606 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do not expect to be alone in an area of the park during the summer months. I know that be going early or late in the summer season I can encounter fewer people. Nothing offers the experience of winter in the park when you can snowmobile to an area and hike the trail loop without seeing anything but wildlife. You have taken away that opportunity for the public that loves and returns to Yellowstone many times.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 884 **Comment Id:** 127591 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Frankly, opening up the entire park to highway passenger vehicles would cheapen the special nature of being in the Park in the winter. It is bad enough to hear snowmobiles on Park Roads when skiing near places like the Madison River.

Organization:

Commenter: Roger A Jenkins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 883 **Comment Id:** 127583 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: For those tourists visiting from the Jackson and Cody entrances to Yellowstone Park, they would benefit by visiting in the old style. This would at least keep these two towns economically viable. It would increase snow mobile numbers available to them because of the reduced need by West Yellowstone. With such a plan in place the economies of all the towns around Yellowstone Park would not be damaged to badly. There would be an increase in visitor usage, increased entrance fee revenues, a decrease in the purchase of special use equipment and a better Yellowstone Park, community relationship.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 558 **Comment Id:** 127226 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As a youth I snow camped in Yellowstone. It was a magical experience. Such quiet majesty. I can't imagine how I'd have remembered the experience if there had been snowmobiles there 60 years ago!

Organization:

Commenter: Ben F McClinton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 327 **Comment Id:** 126521 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: By the time by NPS career took me to Acadia National Park in 1968, snowmobiles were in full force. The operators used the unplowed park roads primarily as race courses. They were not in the park to enjoy the scene or honor wildlife. Snowmobiling was a new, unrestricted use - a type of highspeed, motor driven, outdoor recreation that caught cross-country skiers and others by surprise. We started the regulator process at Acadia by confining snowmobilers to only some roads, much to the angry consternation of their political of their political advocates. The clock cannot be turned back at Yellowstone; snowmobiles now are a fact-of-park-life. But the NPS will fail if it does not finally come assertively to grips with the detrimental invasion of these machines in a place known worldwide for wise environmental stewardship.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert O Binnewies **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 325 **Comment Id:** 126458 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Now that the community's have invested in building up this supportive structure for the park's summer and winters user's you now choose to limit winter visitor's access by placing many restriction limits on the numbers and ways to use the park! It is no longer for john Q public! It has been priced out of our range and has been placed in a range a almost exclusive access, for families it is no longer even a consideration, costing from \$85-115 for a snow coach to up to \$160-190 for a snowmobile. Before the restrictions a family from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah could bring there own snowmobiles up and spend three or four days in our areas, one or two in the park and a couple outside but still using West Yellowstone, and the other park accesses, keeping our facility and inter-structure up and running year long, but since you've cut down the number of people allowed in and the kind of machines there allowed to use, they have stopped coming! Which means we have the same expenses for the services we provide year round but only 1/3 the number of people use to have in the winter season visit our area which puts a big strain on the community ability to provide all the services needed as a year round destination?

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Slevin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 325 **Comment Id:** 126460 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We are in some part responsible for the up keep and the health of the park but to think we truly have that much effect on it or its animal, plant, fish, insect population is to think we can control nature and the evolution of the park is as silly as to believe that the roads we build through it will last till the end of time!!! The park is changing daily and the more restrictive you make it's accesses the less number of people will be there to admire and be humbled by what natural is all about, IT ISNOT JUST FOR SCIENTISTS TO STUDY, AND THE RICH TO USE AS THEIR PERSONAL DESTINATION. We the john and Jane Q public want our winter access returned to us and it was or is to going to be we can only afford to see the park on the big screen in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Slevin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 323 **Comment Id:** 126455 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We believe snowmobiles have a serious negative influence on the air quality; and, we suggest you ban them. Instead, we encourage tourists to use snowshoes or cross-country skis in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holcomb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1219 **Comment Id:** 126371 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobilers are environmentalist! While from the outset they may appear to be little more than a group of winter-time rednecks who love their motorized toys, I would emphatically state snowmobilers are in fact environmentalist with a strong appreciation and understanding of our environment. What's more, they posses an even stronger will and duty to protect it. While they may explore our natural resources in a way much different than a hiker or cross country skier, they DO have the same level of appreciation and respect for the land, and I have a strong hunch they have an even greater level of respect than those who will visit the park with their 30-foot motorhomes this summer.

Organization: OSM

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Correspondence Id: 1202 **Comment Id:** 126538 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Visitor experience is a key issue in this planning process. The present visitor experience has been drastically changed from the historic visitor experience. Prior to the existing regulations, individual park visitors could travel individually instead of using a guided service. The guided service requirement while it has improved safety and improved interpretative opportunities, it

has degraded the ability of the individual park visitor to explore Yellowstone National Park on their own. Some potential visitors could be driven away by this requirement.

Organization: Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation

Commenter: David W Claycomb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1200 **Comment Id:** 126336 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: have been through Yellowstone on a snowmobile 2X with family and friends. Also, once in a car and once on a motorcycle. You will never enjoy the true beauty of the park any other way than a snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1070 **Comment Id:** 127777 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have lived in Wyoming for over 30 years and we've raised our twin boys here; snowmobiling is our favorite pastime and is extremely important to our way of life. We snowmobile nearly every free weekend from November through April and have been through Yellowstone about a dozen times. We've always enjoyed our trips through the Park and we've guided our relatives from out of state. It is truly magnificent in the winter, and we enjoy that much more than summer visits.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1070 **Comment Id:** 127778 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've been extremely frustrated with the debate over winter access since it began. I've never seen the crowds or pollution described by those against access, and I usually go on holiday weekends. I've also never seen ANYONE bothering buffalo. They're nearly oblivious to our presence. In short, I feel like this whole debate has been manufactured by those who oppose all snowmobile use of public lands

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1001 **Comment Id:** 127747 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am contacting you in regards to winter use in Yellowstone National Park. I am an avid snowmobiler, I put on thousands of miles a year with my family and friends and enjoy the sport more then people know. I have visited Yellowstone in the winter and love the beauty of it while riding down the trails on my sled. It is something my kids should have the opportunity to do and my grand kids should have the opportunity to do. Locking people out of areas such as Yellowstone are any more wilderness is unnecessary. Why make it so a handful of people can enjoy it when you can make it so thousands can enjoy it? This seems to always amaze me why this would be done. Please keep Yellowstone open to sleds so families and friends can enjoy it for decades and decades to come.

Organization: Slednecks

Commenter: Drew B Bassett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 869 **Comment Id:** 127536 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am excited that a new study is underway regarding public use during winter months in the Park. As a senior citizen I have traveled in the Park over the past 50 years. This past year, for the first time, my husband and I snowmobiled through the Park on a guided tour. It was delightful. The winter scenery was truly breathtaking, however, it was costly and we had deep regrets that our children and grandchildren could not afford to join us.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 756 **Comment Id:** 127072 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing to support a revision in the winter use policy for Yellowstone. I have consistently supported the limitation on the number of snowmobiles allowed in the Park on any given winter day. Indeed, I now support a ban on the use of snowmobiles in the Park. I have been fortunate to explore the Park in its many seasons since 1979. I enjoyed the winter of 1980-1981 on cross country skis in the Park and visited its many wonders draped in quiet and solitude. Often the only sounds I heard were those of my heavy breathing. I have seen the Park in winter without the noise and pollution that have come to characterize West Yellowstone, MT, in recent years. I know that not everyone has the physical capacity to ski the Park. Access is as important for those who cannot as it is for those who can.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Randy L McAllister **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 755 **Comment Id:** 127070 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A group of friends and I visited Idaho, and the park recently. After seeing the amount of land that is available for snowmobiling, and the amount of snowmobiles that are in the area, I think that snowmobiles should not be allowed in the park. With all the expanse of land in the West Yellowstone, and Island Park area, there was never a time that we were in a place where the sound of snowmobiles was not audible. Even at Harriman SP, where they are now allowed, the sound was ever-present.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 537 **Comment Id:** 126531 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is clear that riding the snowmobile, rather than its use as a form of transportation to get to a certain spot is the whole point for them. I see no legitimate reason why they are permitted in the park. Motorsport is not what the park is for. Their presence seriously detracts from the Yellowstone experience, which is scenery and wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 299 **Comment Id:** 127612 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My husband and I just returned from a two-day snowmobile excursion in Yellowstone National Park. All I can say is the experience was awesome....that word is overused by the general public and I don't use it often, but in this case, it is entirely appropriate. I have had the pleasure of visiting Yellowstone twice in the summertime, but this was my first experience in the winter. There are no words to describe the experience. Our guide was so knowledgeable, but strict too...she was well versed on the rules and regulations of the park and she made sure we understood them as well. I felt like everyone with whom we came in contact inside the park was courteous, both to each other and to their environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 280 **Comment Id:** 127929 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Our use of the park during the winter involves viewing and enjoying the many sights to be seen in the park while snowmobiling on our sleds. The scenery, wildlife and sharing that with our

friends are the main reasons we come to the park in the winter.

Organization: CUFF

Commenter: Jim G Gerber **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1178 **Comment Id:** 128106 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been through the park on a snowmobile and in the summer by car and I can say that it is a far better experience on snowmobile. The winter is a much nicer time to go, way less traffic, way calmer and more wildlife to see. I have been there several times in the summer by car and it is far worse.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 991 **Comment Id:** 128309 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have also been to Yellowstone in the winter. It is a different world than in the summer. I would not have been able to enjoy the winter beauty if I wasn't allowed to use a snowmobile to travel there. I had my own snowmobile (back before all the restrictions) and was with my family. We were able to enjoy the park at our own pace as we are allowed to do in the summer. I hate to admit that I have not been to the park in the winter since all the new laws and regulations were put into effect a few years ago. Nor do I or anyone I know want to go there at his point. Our rights to enjoy the winter beauty at our leisure have been taken from us.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 729 **Comment Id:** 127033 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone NP in the winter several times. The first two times were an abomination, in reference to snowmobile use. The numbers, the fumes, the party atmosphere, the noise, the speeding, etc. contributed to an overall negative experience for me.. They took over the road, like they were the masters. It reminded me of some of the Harley mentality..These are tourists, just like me, but they seem to think they rule. They should only be allowed outside the park, where there are thousands of miles available, but no, they want the comforts of home ie warm lodging and the status? of saying they DID Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126635 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I snowmobiled in the park in the 1970s and vowed to never return as long as the unlimited, 2 cycles were on the loose. It was like a chain saw convention. I can only imagine what it must have been like later in the 1980s.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126638 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do understand the concern expressed by many regarding the expense of gaining access to the interior of Yellowstone during the winter. However, I always enjoyed driving into Mammoth, to Tower and out to Lamar. One can certainly enjoy a good portion of Yellowstone, including many x-c ski opportunities by doing this.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126639 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If someone wants to visit Yellowstone in a very quiet time of year, there are ample opportunities to do this in late fall and early spring. Visiting the interior of Yellowstone with its gorgeous, natural winter coat is indeed very, very special. There is a unique, mystique to it. A certain romanticism to being out in nature without the constant hum drum of private vehicles coming and going.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 278 **Comment Id:** 127355 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The single most exciting and thrilling experience of my outdoor life took place in Yellowstone when I took my first snowmobile trip through the park. I came to Yellowstone to snowmobile the last year you allowed non-guided snowmobilers in the park. That was a great

experience. I came back the next year and the guided tours are a tremendous experience but nothing like a non-guided trip. I am getting old and probably will never be able to snowmobile again, but please develop and adopt a plan that will give other people a chance to experience what I did.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1163 **Comment Id:** 128085 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a snowmobile enthusiast who has only had the opportunity to visit Yellowstone during the summer. I hope in the next year to visit during the winter and do some snowmobiling within the park. I have a few concerns about the proposed change in policy to wintertime use in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1153 **Comment Id:** 128044 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had great times at Yellowstone in the past and have met some great, responsible snowmobilers from the area. I would like to come back and one day share the experience with my children.

Organization:

Commenter: Tyler N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1150 **Comment Id:** 128034 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I been riding snowmobiles for fifteen years and have been to Yellowstone Park three times and think it is the most beautiful place in the world to see in the winter time in all of it's snow white glory. I find it hard to believe that they are going to try to close the park to people who respect the land more than anybody else that see's the park at any time of year. I would really like to be able to take my children to see the park in all of the seasons that the park has to offer.

Organization: bucks lake snowdrifters

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1057 **Comment Id:** 127763 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: First I am a snowmobiler and my Wife and I went to Yellowstone on our Honeymoon back in 1993 for a snowmobile trip. These are great memories that today are not possible in the same setting but should be opportunities that are preserved in our parks for future families and couples. I was Born the the Northwest and have spent my entire life in the northwest enjoying these parks. I hurt very badly when the opportunities to enjoy them is limited to a few select groups or restricted out right.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1147 **Comment Id:** 128028 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family has been going up the yellowstone to ride at least once a year and sometimes more. Seeing the park from a snowmobile is one of the most amazing things you could ever see.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 853 **Comment Id:** 127470 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been to Yellowstone only once and I had a great experience. I was able to visit many areas of the Park by snowmobile; the places where I was able to get were breathtaking. I am writing because I am aware of some environmentally friendly groups that will like to ban the use of snowmobiles in the park. I would like to use this letter as a formal way of opposing to that idea.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 767 **Comment Id:** 127095 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter use of Yellowstone National Park has been a contentious issue in the town of West Yellowstone, MT for many years. On one hand, you have a few business owners in town that have permits to guide people into the park and insist that traveling into the park via snowmobile or snowcoach is the way it has always been done, and should continue that way. They also believe that the numbers allowed should be increased. On the other extreme, you have groups that would like nothing more than the total closing of Yellowstone during the winter so people can enjoy the quiet wilderness experience that winter in Yellowstone has to offer. I believe they are both on the wrong track; however, both can be accommodated.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Watson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 749 **Comment Id:** 127061 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have lived in the greater Yellowstone area for over 10 years, back in the 70's and was even then appalled at the fights between skiers and snow mobiles. The machines terrified wildlife and crashed; requiring rescue and monitoring by NPS staff. The skiers wanted quiet groomed tracks and an outdoor experience that included listening for birds and nature noises. I was with one party of xc skiers where the tallest of us, a 6'5" guy, stood in the path of oncoming snowmobilers by making his body into a giant "X" with his legs and arms outstretched, ski poles extended. He was a formidable sight even a long ways away. They steered very clear of us.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 272 **Comment Id:** 127440 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone during the winter, and the beauty of it is magnificent. It is a shame to have the noise of snowmobiles roaring along the roads, when the peace and quiet shouts out to be heard. It seems an incongruous situation, and if you could keep them out of yellowstone, I think that the tourist would have an even more spectacular visit there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 224 **Comment Id:** 127663 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Each year thousands of skiers travel to the area to start their cross-country ski season. Each year, I receive many disappointed phone calls and emails from visitors who were unaware that Yellowstone National Park is not open or accessible to them during the month of November.

Organization: Yellowstone Ski Festival

Commenter: Sara R Hoovler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 851 **Comment Id:** 127465 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand the environmental concerns and issues, and they can be readily met by allowing year round access to wheeled vehicles and plowed roads from the West entrance. The north entrance of the Park (Gardiner/Mammoth/Cooke City) has been plowed for years, since 1938, the road has been accessible year round for personal or commercially guided vehicles with no detrimental effects. In fact it is recognized as a unique, affordable, amazing winter experience and it is a GROWING and VIABLE option; viewing wild life, seeing the Park in its beautiful winter environment, skiing, snowshoeing and supporting the neighboring local communities. Most importantly, it is AVAILABLE to ALL, accessed by PLOWED YEAR ROUND ROADS. It is workable, sustainable and viable.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 15 **Comment Id:** 129160 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I was in Yellowstone the last winter before controls were put in place. It was terrible. You could breath at the rest stops for exhaust from the snowmobiles. While snowshoeing, you could hear them no matter where you went.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1043 **Comment Id:** 126287 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: With the clean burn technology of the 4-strokes currently in use, there can not possibly be a significant detriment to the animals and the environment there, and why have all the natural beauty of the Park preserved if no one can experience it during the Winter months?

Organization:

Commenter: Daniel R Szkirpan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126705 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that, although Yellowstone National Park has a lot to offer visitors in the winter, those that come into the park on snowmobiles do not appreciate it. This past winter, my boyfriend worked as both a snowmobile guide and snowcoach guide, and I have been into the park on a couple of different occasions on snowmobiles. The difference he has seen and talked about between the riders of each, as well as observations that I have seen in my visits to the park this winter lead me to recommend closing the park to snowmobiles and only allowing snowcoaches.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126712 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Those that typically come in on snowmobiles are not interested in the park - they are interested in riding the snowmobiles, and do not respect the park or its wildlife. Many are self-described "sled-heads" and proud of it. Unfortunately, as much as the guides try to stop this (which they typically don't, since that usually means losing their tips), they have no power or authority over their clients and end up hoping that there is no major crash. I have personally seen guides ignoring their riders who are "goofing off" and breaking rules because it is not worth their time and effort to try to stop behavior of guests who have shown all day that they don't care about the park. Riders are constantly falling behind just so that they can break speed limits to catch up or fishtail corners; they are having "races" while driving and passing each other on blind curves and moving into opposing lanes. They are letting 9yr/olds drive and blatantly ignoring their guides. I have seen groups not care about seeing animals; I have seen people stay behind at geyser basin walks. All they want to do is to ride - ride fast, ride in the powder, ride off-road, ride for the sake of riding. There are plenty of opportunities for these riders all around the park in the National Forest; the park doesn't need to (and shouldn't) keep the park open to snowmobiles for those that don't care.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 343 **Comment Id:** 126592 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are clearly designed, powered, promoted, and enjoyed for sport riding, high marking, jumping, racing, etc. High speed motorized sports is completely contrary to the fundamental existence of our national parks. In fact Yellowstone Park, with its flats and straight stretches of roads, offer little in the way of exciting riding. During my visits I have overheard many many riders conversing at rest stops, warming huts, snack cars, local restaurants, visitor centers, motel lobbies, etc. Invariably the conversation centers around how fast they made it from "West Thumb to Mammoth" or you name it. How they once made the 50 miles from Old Faithful to Mammoth in less than an hour. How they came in from the South entrance and made the full circle along the Lake, to Canyon, back by way of Old Faithful, and out in a half-day. And could have made it even quicker if they hadn't been slowed by Bison on the road. Often women in the group comment on how painfully sore and stiff they are after an all day ride on the bumpy roads. The opportunity for sport riding in National Forests adjacent to the park is virtually unlimited and is widely enjoyed. The typical visitor might spend a half-day riding in the Park and three days riding in the surrounding National Forests ? in the Jackson Hole area, West Yellowstone area, and Cooke City region, not to mention the East Entrance area. Those entering from the north side mostly don't even consider riding in the park but instead go directly to the National Forests in Cooke City area.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug Colclasure **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 367 **Comment Id:** 126645 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am providing comments as part of the scoping for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan. I am not an arm chair activist in this case. I use to lead trips for the San Francisco Bay Chapter Ski Touring section. One of the best trips that I ever designed was one going into Yellowstone during the winter. My skiing buddy, Mark Purdy, my cousin Cecily Chang and her then boyfriend drove to south Yellowstone, skiing in Tetons West and Jackson Hole on the way. We rode the half track in until there was about 3 miles to get the Yellowstone's winter lodge. There were snowmobiles then, too, but not many. We stayed four nights which allowed us to see all of the geysers go off in the basin and watched the bison, Canada geese, Trumpeter swans, had a chance to do some quiet snow tours including one to Yellowstone Lake where we saw a coyote waiting at a breathing hole. It was great, especially since it was right before the big forest fire burnt most of the trees around the basin.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1327 **Comment Id:** 128857 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: On the other side, snowmobiles' noise and pollution take a heavy toll on the animals, and greatly detracts from my (and my family's) enjoyment of the park. Furthermore, snowmobiles threaten my safety on the trails, while catering to a young and rowdy constituency.

Organization: snowlands

Commenter: giovanni de amici **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1327 **Comment Id:** 128865 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are a great equalizer, as they can be used with equal satisfaction by the very young and the very old and every age in between For the human-powered user, the route of the snowcoaches will provide endless jumping-off points to explore on skis or snowshoes the backcountry.

Organization: snowlands

Commenter: giovanni de amici **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 372 **Comment Id:** 126660 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a visitor to the Park in both winter and summer my comments are prejudiced by my experience and expectations for the protection of resources, wildlife, and quality of experience for humans. While recent news releases boast of record increases in Park visitation I would submit that the quality of that experience has decreased to the level of a Disneyland holiday. Visitors are so hungry to collect a picture that they are oblivious to their impacts to the wild and to other visitors. Their rudeness speaks sadly to their separation from nature and their desire to be entertained. Yellowstone NP has a huge challenge in this plan to preserve and protect resources and meet the needs of humans to connect (here is a value judgment) in meaningful ways. The Park Service also is challenged in this proposed management framework to use both the natural and social sciences exclusive of political influence to reach a balance for the future health of both people and natural resources.

Organization:

Commenter: andy steele **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 259 **Comment Id:** 127552 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We drove from Wisconsin to Yellowstone and were able to ski, hike, and view wildlife along the Mammoth to Cooke City road. We spent several days doing that before we started our official tour. It is possible to visit Yellowstone in the winter by car now. It is also possible to escape from significant road traffic and other mechanized traffic. That possibility should not be removed! Preserve the limits you currently have.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1396 **Comment Id:** 127098 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We are quiet sport users. We have used the snow coach to access Old Faithful on two occasions. The last time we did it was on a Presidents day weekend. Boy was that a mistake. There was a constant drone of snowmachines while we were out skiing. I did not like it. It's a tough call. I know that the motorheads appreciate beauty also. But their noise and smell impacts others. A company that sells sliding seat row boats once published an essay(Recreation vs. Amusement) on motorized recreation vs non. They brought out the point you have a small body of water with different users on it. . You can have a large number of self propelled craft on it and it can still be a good experience. Just a few motorized craft on a small lake and it seems crowded.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott Datwyler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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AE30000 Affected Environment: Health and Safety (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 1327 **Comment Id:** 128857 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: On the other side, snowmobiles' noise and pollution take a heavy toll on the animals, and greatly detracts from my (and my family's) enjoyment of the park. Furthermore, snowmobiles threaten my safety on the trails, while catering to a young and rowdy constituency.

Organization: snowlands

Commenter: giovanni de amici **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129308 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The YNP's resources of wildlife and public health need to be protected as the top priority.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129313 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Spewing pollution around the YNP, even with better engines than previously, is still a violation of the tenets of national parks. And requiring YNP wildlife and workers to be exposed to this pollution is unconscionable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126988 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Benzene and formaldehyde measured in the Park's air at levels exceeding health thresholds; and

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128282 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: HOW TO ENSURE A SAFE EXPERIENCE In The new February 13, 2007 draft "Avalanche Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Report" by Bob Comey of Jackson, Superintendent Lewis and YNP are given clear direction on how to "manage the hazards" at Sylvan Pass in a safe and effective manner that will protect YNP employees and visitors. The new "Avalanche Hazard Assessment and Mitigation Report" makes good points about "managing the hazards". - Hazard Mitigation programs to keep roads open during winter conditions are based on the premise that experienced and well-trained avalanche specialists can determine when conditions are potentially dangerous, temporarily close the road, use explosives to test the stability of the snow and reduce the hazard by creating small avalanches in a controlled environment. - An avalanche hazard mitigation program greatly decreases the potential for a traveler to be seriously injured or killed in an avalanche. - By conducting numerous missions expertly timed by highly trained crews that already exist at Lake Ranger Station, timed with periods of instability, skilled specialists can trigger frequent small avalanches as opposed to occasional large avalanches. "This methodology of constantly triggering small avalanches during indefinite periods of instabilities is the industry standard for mitigating avalanche hazards on highways and at ski resorts."

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128284 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - The inability of helicopters to fly during periods of poor visibility and in gusty or high winds limits the ability of the helicopters to trigger avalanches during snow periods. YNP changed management approach over a two year period was likely to result in an increase in the amount of time the road is closed due to avalanche hazards. "In addition, the inability of helicopter missions to be conducted during storm conditions could result in an increase in the number of large and natural released avalanches that impact the road."

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128285 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Avalanche forecasters and mitigation crews are exposed to hazards as they perform their jobs. It is customary practice for ski patrollers at resorts and transportation quarter personnel to pass through avalanche terrain before it is cleared for maintenance personnel to enter or open to the public. The Sylvan Pass mitigation team members are very competent, professional and are very dedicated to the work they do. - The recent avalanche report does not express any fear reported by the

lake or east gate rangers about their safety. It is obvious that if significant danger exists these workers do not expose themselves or the public to the hazard. - The decision to conduct the reconnaissance patrol, travel to the gun mount or open Sylvan Pass to the public is a reasonable and calculated risk based on the information available and the knowledge and experience of the members of the avalanche hazard assessment and mitigation program.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128286 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Risk-based decisions are made by NPS personnel who fight fires and perform technical climbing rescues. The safety of team members and the public is dependent on the resources available to make this assessment and the skill and experience of the forecasters. - This crew has performed this task without the benefit of real time meteorological data from sylvan pass. Continual real time information regarding wind speeds and direction, air temperatures and snow fall are essential data for the mitigation team and an industry standard for this type of program. This essential meteorological instrumentation can be easily and relatively inexpensively provided with a specialized remote weather station and should be put in place immediately. - Having the Lake District crew conduct mitigation and reconnaissance patrols regularly on sylvan pass gives them a tremendous amount of season specific and snowpack specific knowledge and information that is important for avalanche management during the winter and important for plowing operations in the spring. The Lake District rangers do avalanche forecasting ? give them the simple tools to do it properly! Do not gradually erode their knowledge and skill base and then tell us there are not rangers in the park with the necessary experience and skill to manage avalanches!

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1432 **Comment Id:** 129065 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The automobile has brought many problems to Yellowstone in summer, including collisions with wildlife, death and injury to vehicle passengers and pedestrians, people locking themselves out of cars, breakdowns, cars stopping in the middle of the road, etc. Thus I urge you to avoid opening that scenario of private cars in winter in the Park. Snowplows are large, stinky, loud, and ugly. Multiple accidents occur in Wyoming every year when drivers try to pass them. Please do not plow any additional roads in Yellowstone for winter use. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Debra Patla **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1578 **Comment Id:** 129883 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Concessionaire and park employee operations and safety: Oversnow travel greatly complicates both the parks and the concessionaires operation at Old Faithful. Fresh food and produce has to be hauled for visitors and employees at great expense. High fuel usage and carbon emissions are a consequence of hauling supplies oversnow. In some cases snowmobiles and sleds are even used, at risk to employees. Light trucks are much more fuel efficient and safer with air bags and seatbelts.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglas Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129544 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Great improvement has been made regarding employee health and safety. The four stroke snowmobile and some of the old snowcoaches have updated to become "best available technology" (BAT) and has improved the air quality so as to keep well into tolerable levels. Please note that there are still 2-stroke contractor snowmobiles that are contributing to what impact there is. This should be addressed. The safety of the public has been greatly improved by reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on the most heavily traveled road between Old Faithful and West Yellowstone. Safety has also been increased by helpful guides and reduced group sizes to 10 snowmobiles per group. Knowledgeable guides monitor their groups and lead them responsibly through any animal encounters along the way.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1207 **Comment Id:** 126397 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We cannot believe how the Park has handled the issue of avalanche danger. The old howitzer has worked well but park officials have chosen to ignore proven and accepted techniques in favor of less affective methods. Closures of the pass are too often and probably unnecessary in my mind.

Organization: Cody Snowmobile Club

Commenter: bill g blake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1688 **Comment Id:** 130289 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: EPA acknowledges the significant improvements in the Parks' winter environment compared to historic conditions. The NPS has documented that strict limitations on the number of snowmobiles, combined with model snowmobile best available technology (BAT) program, have produced dramatically improved air quality and reduced noise impacts. These improvements to winter use management have effectively reduced visitor health risks from poor air quality. While snowmobile visitors are still exposed to noise levels at which hearing protection is recommended, park monitoring in recent years has noted reductions in the frequency, extent and duration of soundscape impacts in the park. Even with these improvements, there may yet remain opportunities for producing cleaner air and a more natural soundscape through this EIS process. As a Cooperating Agency, EPA would like to offer assistance to the NPS in identifying opportunities for further improving resource conditions and identifying and assessing potential mitigation measures to help the NPS minimize resource impacts.

Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency

Commenter: Larry Svoboda **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128645 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches provide safer access.

Organization:

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 205 **Comment Id:** 126474 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches provide safer access.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Chas Ferris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 980 **Comment Id:** 128123 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Continue with the cap on the number of snowmobiles in the park on a daily basis. Obviously, allowing more access would require the cap number to rise, but it shouldn't go too high or be unlimited. More than any other reason for this would be safety.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 749 **Comment Id:** 127061 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

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Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 220 **Comment Id:** 127283 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone should not be a winter playground for snowmobilers. Their exhaust fumes present a health hazard to people like my wife, who has asthma. Their noise disturbs wildlife and ruins the experience for skiers and for folks on snowshoes.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AE7000 Affected Environment: Air Quality (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 271 **Comment Id:** 127471 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Motorized winter use is not detrimental to it's animals, or the air quality. In fact, it is known that the animals use man-made trails because it is easier on them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1143 **Comment Id:** 128019 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern; I have been snowmobiling since the early 70's and the snowmobile manufactures have strived to make snowmobiles environmentally friendly with regards to EPA emissions and noise levels. In Michigan there are over 6500 miles of snowmobile trails on both state and private land, If it were not that the snowmobiles are extremely quiet and very little polluting

our wild animals would be declining, instead they are multiplying and we have had a new wolf pack move into the north part of Michigan.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1145 **Comment Id:** 128025 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please at least tell the truth about the best available technology machines that are allowed are as quiet and most likely quieter than most summer use vehicles, they are as clean or cleaner than most summer use vehicles. If the current machines are not clean or quiet enough just make the restrictions tighter to make them as quiet and as clean as you wish, the manufacturers will build them, but then we all know that clean and quiet is not the real issue at hand.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 864 **Comment Id:** 127521 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Pollution concerns in the park are far exaggerated by the "RADICAL" environmentalists.

Organization:

Commenter: Guy Webster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128142 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and snowcoaches both disrupt the purpose and need of the park by destroying soundscapes, polluting the air, disturbing non-motorized users and stressing wildlife. Though much of the park is un-roaded wilderness, the sound and air pollution from motorized vehicles travels beyond the confines of the roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1219 **Comment Id:** 126370 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: A LOT has changed! Specifically the emissions of today's snowmobiles are SIGNIFICANTLY less than they were when this debate first started. In fact new models scheduled to appear next winter such as the Ski-doo 600 ACE represent a new level of efficiency, cleanliness and quiet never before seen. I would go so far as to say models such as these are far cleaner and better for the environment than half the cars that sit bumper to bumper in the summer heat on the twisted roads of Yellowstone. With vehicles such as these, no longer should the numbers of sleds being allowed into Yellowstone be reduced but rather increased so as to allow a national park designed FOR the people to be managed in way to allow just that to happen. Yellowstone in the winter is a majestic and beautiful place and to not allow hundreds, in fact thousands to witness this beauty flies in the face of the purpose of national parks. To reduce or eliminate winter access while allowing bumper to bumper access in the summer with thousands of gas guzzling RV, trucks, campers and trailers is simply ludicrous.

Organization: OSM

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1140 **Comment Id:** 127994 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a very concerned citizen regarding the ongoing efforts by the NPS and environmentalists to eliminate snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park (YNP0. With today's clean burning machines, it not necessary to continue with this rhetoric.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1139 **Comment Id:** 127992 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have greatly improved any problems with the greenhouse gasses We will improve them even more as the years go by. We are law abiding people who appreciate what we have.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1133 **Comment Id:** 127956 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The machines they have today are very far from the older ones which weren't as earth friendly, I'm telling you today's machines came a long way, they burn even more cleaner than cars, due to the fact they are switching over to very clean burning 4 stroke engines that only have 2-3 cylinders combusting instead of 6 or 8 cylinders like a car does, so that makes less floral carbons in the air,

Organization: Michigan United Conservation Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127387 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowmobiles create more pollution per passenger mile than snowmobiles. Not necessarily true "Remarkably, modern snowmobile HC emissions are down by a factor of >12/vehicle and CO emissions by a factor of >2. The measured snowcoaches emit significantly more per mile than the snowmobiles. Measured snowcoach emissions of CO, even when calculated per passenger mile, Measured snowcoach emissions of CO, even when calculated per passenger mile, now exceed modern snowmobile emissions. If lower emissions are deemed necessary. If lower emissions are deemed necessary, both fleets' emissions could be further reduced by forcing snowcoach retirement or upgrades and by requiring snowmobiles to comply with current on-road vehicle-emissions standards."

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127948 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Technology has allowed 75% of the new snowmobiles to have less emissions than majority of the vehicles driving the highways through the park.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1306 **Comment Id:** 128621 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The couple of thousand of snowmobiles can't come close to the amount of pollution that the hundreds of thousand autos produce.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Arlen Wentz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127203 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Pollution is virtually non-existent compared to summer usage. BAT snowmobile technology has all but eliminated the over hyped 2 stroke haze of years gone by.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 58 **Comment Id:** 129460 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Benzene and formaldehyde have been measured in the Park's air at levels exceeding health thresholds;

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1201 **Comment Id:** 126405 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The small percent of sledders do not pollute the air quality at anywhere near the amount by the millions of summer vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126949 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles also interfere with the ability of human visitors to experience and enjoy the ambience of the park when they are being assaulted with the noise and air pollution these machines create.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1318 **Comment Id:** 129040 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would love to see an unbiased study of the difference in air pollution in the Park on the 4th of July verses New Years Day.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127014 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Aside from wildlife harassment, the pollution is unbearable.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 123 **Comment Id:** 127509 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Wheeled vehicles in general pollute much less than oversnow vehicles, both in terms of emissions and noise, while using fuel more efficiently thus lowering the overall environmental impact.

Organization: GOSA

Commenter: Udo Freund **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129370 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Air quality is no longer an issue because all motorized access to the Park is required to be BAT and snowmobiles meet or exceed 2010 EPA standards.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1301 **Comment Id:** 128597 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It would be even better if 4 strokes were no longer required. We have the cleanest air in the nation and I do not believe 2 stroke sleds would impact the air quality what so ever.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127414 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Air Quality is an issue throughout the world not just in Yellowstone! We should be constantly trying to improve our emissions on all vehicles. If the market and demand is there maybe we will see hybrid snow vehicles. So striving to meet BAT should continue, but I don't see a big difference in the exhaust from vehicles during summer or winter. The only visibility issues I have had, are from extreme cold or snow kicked up by snow coaches as I approach for a pass.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127445 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow coach visits are less expensive, provide a quieter experience for visitors, pollute the air less, and less distracting to park wildlife. As a result, visitors are experiencing a quieter, cleaner Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127448 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowcoach providers in West Yellowstone and elsewhere are rapidly purchasing or retrofitting snowcoaches so that they are much less polluting per person than snowmobiles.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126726 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With the advent of BAT snowmobiles the noise and pollution levels have been greatly reduced. It's sad in our country that the minority often have a louder voice than the people who end up being hurt by the decisions made based on their condemnation of the freedoms of the majority

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127075 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I find it outrageous that snowmobiles are allowed into Yellowstone National Park. Although I have been to Yellowstone only about a half dozen times in the winter, each time without exception I observed snowmobilers harassing the bison. The drivers were loud, and pushing the bison off the groomed roads. In some cases, they were racing the bison. The exhaust from these loud, polluting machines is offensive and unhealthy.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1278 **Comment Id:** 128202 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Such motor vehicles are cleaner than they have ever been and allow animals to hear them and not scare them as compared to an individual walking silently approaching which may scare an animal.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 162 **Comment Id:** 128389 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In order to preserve the quiet and solitude of Yellowstone in winter, the park should go to a snowcoach-only policy. This would minimize traffic, noise, pollution and impacts to wildlife while providing access to the park throughout the winter months to people of all ages.

Organization: gyc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1029 **Comment Id:** 126262 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Why close snowmobiles? They are already limited. Only 4 stoke snowmobiles are allowed. Pollution is very limited now with the numbers and technology.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1222 **Comment Id:** 126361 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snow coaches have very little emission problems as well when you consider the number of people using them; one car in the summer will have the same emissions.

Organization:

Commenter: JD Stephenson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1168 **Comment Id:** 126569 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The technology which is being used by the winning teams is a mirror image of automotive technology adapted to snowmobiles. Many of the snowmobiles, including Michigan Tech's are actually cleaner than the automobiles available today. If you are considering closing off the park to snowmobiles because of emissions it is the wrong thing to do. Snowmobiles can be as clean or cleaner than the millions of cars that travel through the park each year, the only problem is that the snowmobile manufactures need to be nudged into making the snowmobiles adapt to the technologies seen at the Clean Snowmobile Competition. Granted, this may put an end to the competition, or push it into a very researched based competition, but overall it would be great for the sport of snowmobiling.

Organization: Michigan Tech Clean Snowmobile Team Alumni

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128963 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park is an established practice, now a tradition for many families and an important part of the utilization of the rich natural resources available there for recreation. It in no way diminishes the experience of any reasonable person and based on many studies does not appreciable affect animal life in any significant way. New snowmobiles have been designed to reduce to a minimum any exhaust emissions and the sound levels have dropped to barely noticeable levels

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129310 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It is not fair to ruin the natural YNP experience of cross country skiers because of noise, pollution, and the extra expenditures of public resources such as road maintenance and other services for snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129313 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Spewing pollution around the YNP, even with better engines than previously, is still a violation of the tenets of national parks. And requiring YNP wildlife and workers to be exposed to this pollution is unconscionable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128952 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles have a negative impact on air quality in the Parks, and have a negative impact on Park wildlife.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128759 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning team: On behalf of the members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) I am writing regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We support the position taken by the Yellowstone National Park Planning Team in the establishment of the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks that ensures the Park is protected and enjoyed. We agree that air quality is very good to excellent in the winter and the mandated use of Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles has improved the winter experience while visiting Yellowstone in the winter over the last few winter seasons.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126988 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Benzene and formaldehyde measured in the Park's air at levels exceeding health thresholds; and

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128719 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: With the changes and advancements in technology, we now have clean and quite snowmobiles that no longer create bad experiences or the environmental concerns of the past. This advancement was perhaps slow in coming, but I understand the process involved for the manufactures when you build only once a year and have to wait a full year for the next advancement to make it to market. I am sure that you can see and hear the progress that has been made in only the past five years.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128725 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Air quality has improved with the newer snowmobiles emitting far less emissions than they used to. The geysers in the park probably emit more bad stuff than the motorized oversnow vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128257 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park in the winter prior to the recent snowmobile regulations and found the regulations from the 1990's not enforced or ignored which bothered me. For instance, on one of my visits the snowmobiles ahead of me clearly violated the noise limits (open pipes and no silencer) stated on the large sign entering the park. But they were waived right through without a look, how could this be I asked myself? Given the recent changes in snowmobile technology machines are now much cleaner and quieter than they were even 10 years ago. Allowing new generation snowmobiles into the park should be viewed no different than allowing motorcycles into the park in the summer. As with the vehicle fleet in the summer the snowmobile fleet is changing even quicker and needs to be taken into account.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1590 **Comment Id:** 129848 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: According to Elton Erp, the DEQ Air Monitoring Section Supervisor, air quality at the West Entrance to the park has been essentially unchanged for the last couple of years. The air quality concerns of the DEQ have been adequately addressed through new snowmobile and snowcoach technology and management of their number.

Organization: Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Commenter: Richard H Opper **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129924 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping PO BOX 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 Delivered via U.S. Mail and electronically via <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell> Dear Planning Team: On behalf of the members of the International Snowmobile Manufactures Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) I am writing regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We support the position taken by the Yellowstone National Park Planning Team in the establishment of the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks that ensures the Park is protected and enjoyed. We agree that air quality is very good to excellent in the winter and the mandated use of Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles has improved the winter experience while visiting Yellowstone in the winter over the last few winter seasons.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufactures Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129272 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A focus of past winter use planning processes is what type of oversnow motorized recreational use should be permitted in YNP. Over time, as the NPS has reduced the daily number of snowmobiles and snowcoaches allowed to enter YNP through daily cap limits, the impacts of these machines on air quality, wildlife, and the soundscape have declined as compared to the impacts that were present when oversnow motorized vehicles were unregulated. This is both a product of reduced numbers, the requirement for cleaner/quieter machines, and the imposition of a guiding requirement. These changes have all represented steps in the right direction but since oversnow motorized recreational use is still permitted impacts continue; impacts that would not exist if such use were to be further cut back or confined or eliminated altogether.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128370 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: While it would be unfair to shield the park entirely from visitors in the winter, it seems reasonable to bring the noise and pollution levels to their lowest possible limits.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128674 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: NPS made a key assumption in 2003 when it reversed its prior decision to phase out snowmobiling in Yellowstone, asserting that the environmental performance of BAT snowmobiles would continue to improve and thereby reduce the impacts of snowmobiling on the park's unique winter environment. While the 2003 replacement rule authorizing a continuation of snowmobile use was invalidated, NPS carried its underlying assumption forward into subsequent winter-use studies, contending that "technological improvements will continue and that snowmobiles entering the parks will be even cleaner and quieter than the machines evaluated for the SEIS." (2003 ROD at 15.) This has simply proven incorrect.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 818 **Comment Id:** 127235 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With today's clean burning engines the environmental impact has decreased dramatically since the effort to remove them started. This is a national park and the public must not be kept out.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 279 **Comment Id:** 127655 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As a local user of the park I have limited my use of the West Yellowstone entrance in the winter due to the number of snowmobiles and the resulting to air and noise pollution.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129537 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Air quality studies have shown that the old stereotype air pollutions stories have no foundation and are well within tolerable limits.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128863 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In comparison to four-stroke snowmobiles, snowcoaches operating within EPA's Tier 1 standards are cleaner, especially given their ability to carry up to seven times more passengers. Even EPA Region 8 found it necessary to comment on the 2004 EA, urging that this interim plan emphasize the use of snowcoaches: "Given that for every environmental resource, snowcoaches are the environmentally preferred mode of transportation, we suggest that the snowcoach promotion measures should be preserved as part of this interim plan." September 20, 2004 letter of Kerrigan G. Clough, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region VIII.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1511 **Comment Id:** 128433 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have good quiet clean burning snowmobiles which do not harm the environment.

Organization:

Commenter: fred lutz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126832 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowcoaches provide comfortable, minimally invasive access to the interior of the park. The snow mobiles are loud, noisy, polluting and extremely disruptive of the migration paths of the various animals in the park. As Yellowstone Park is the most complete eco-system in the lower 48, can't we please do what's right for the asset?

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127023 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We are now all familiar with the noise pollution, air pollution, and destruction associated with snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127876 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Pollution from vehicles is an issue in many congested cities, but to address the problem, we regulate the emissions, we do not ban the activity.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126388 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The noise and pollution also ruin the tranquil winter park experience for those who are there to appreciate the winter wonderland

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1688 **Comment Id:** 130289 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: EPA acknowledges the significant improvements in the Parks' winter environment compared to historic conditions. The NPS has documented that strict limitations on the number of snowmobiles, combined with model snowmobile best available technology (BAT) program, have produced dramatically improved air quality and reduced noise impacts. These improvements to winter use management have effectively reduced visitor health risks from poor air quality. While snowmobile visitors are still exposed to noise levels at which hearing protection is recommended, park monitoring in recent years has noted reductions in the frequency, extent and duration of soundscape impacts in the

park. Even with these improvements, there may yet remain opportunities for producing cleaner air and a more natural soundscape through this EIS process. As a Cooperating Agency, EPA would like to offer assistance to the NPS in identifying opportunities for further improving resource conditions and identifying and assessing potential mitigation measures to help the NPS minimize resource impacts.

Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency

Commenter: Larry Svoboda **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 7 **Comment Id:** 126975 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I am also very concerned about snow machines having adverse impacts on air quality.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127887 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With the advancements in snowmobile technology, EPA regulations on noise and sound the snowmobiles of today are cleaner and quieter than ever. If anything the impact that snowmobiles have had on the park has DROPPED in the last 5 years. I invite you to check into snowmobile emission regulations and see for yourself, and in 2012 the restrictions will become even tighter.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 652 **Comment Id:** 126782 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Air quality & mitigating air pollution must be priorities in Yellowstone. Moreover, the incessant noise pollution from snowmobiles must be eliminated. Though I reside "back east" Yellowstone has been one of my favorite destinations since 1970!

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 648 **Comment Id:** 126776 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the improvements to winter traffic that have already been made. I support removal of *all* snow mobiles in the park. I'm sure you are aware of the benefits to air quality and wildlife, so I will not discuss those.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128040 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no legitimate reason for reducing snowmobile numbers other than you guys just want them out of the park. They are clean enough and quiet enough. That was what was asked for. Now that manufacturers are meeting those requirements there shouldn't be any more issues. There isn't anymore stress on animals then there would be with snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 15 **Comment Id:** 129160 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I was in Yellowstone the last winter before controls were put in place. It was terrible. You could breath at the rest stops for exhaust from the snowmobiles. While snowshoeing, you could hear them no matter where you went.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1043 **Comment Id:** 126289 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: And after that, should we no longer allow cars into Yellowstone as they have the same 4-stroke engines as the snowmobiles?? Or would someone have us believe that the body the 4-stroke engine is in has an impact upon pollutants?

Organization:

Commenter: Daniel R Szkirpan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1039 **Comment Id:** 126300 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: air quality in the winter is always the best when compared to summer. besides why do they allow so many vehicles thru out the summer? vehicles don't pollute and affect the animals? if they are so concerned about the environment... shut down the entire park. no travels thru, no activity of any sort either thru summer and winter. no human activity at all.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

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Correspondence Id: 218 **Comment Id:** 127278 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone Nat. Pk. in the summer and even thou there was a lot of vehicles there was not the blue haze and the noise created by snowmobiles

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 915 **Comment Id:** 127401 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date had advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscapes. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines

Organization:

Commenter: Carol M Gisselquist **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129132 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What park resources and values do you believe are most important and which of these should guide development of the winter use plan? The park resources and values are the most important to our membership: healthy ecosystems that protect special ecosystems for future generations; spectacular scenic areas where the vistas remain pristine while also being accessible to the public; healthy wildlife populations that are managed so resources are properly sustained and not overburdened; ability for public access to provide a full range of visitor experiences (remote to developed); and road systems that are properly maintained so they provide safe and reasonable public access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127947 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: One fact to consider is that in order to snowmobile you need snow! Majority of the mountains provide enough snow pack that the impact on the surface of mountains, trails and forested areas are unimpacted, it might be one of the few forms of motorized recreation that does not leave a visible footprint in nature once the snow melts.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AE8100 Affected Environment: Soundscapes (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126576 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This letter is to demonstrate my support for the cessation of snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park. I have been a frequent winter traveler to the park since the early eighties and moved to Wyoming fourteen years ago, in part to be near this magnificent treasure with all of its recreational and scenic opportunities. Since my first trip in 1983, I have been saddened to observe the steady degradation of the park's wilderness quality as snowmobile use has continued to increase. I am an avid cross-country skier who has gone to these wild places to seek solitude and silence. While some might argue that these qualities are not incompatible with snowmobile traffic, there does not seem to be any place in the park where the sound of snowmobiles is not present in contrast to the otherwise pristine landscape of winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1510 **Comment Id:** 128435 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Both trips were spoiled by the noise of the snowmobilers. They whizzed by the snow coach, buzzed and harassed bison, did not stay on prescribed trails, ignored the posted speed limits, wrecked all traces of solitude. In fact, on the day we were given one to drive, we could not bring ourselves to participate in such behaviors and so turned back (at the eagle's nest). Rather than continue to the Canyon that day we read in the motel. By my calculation, to make it to and from the Canyon we would have had to run that noisy snowmobile at 40 mph almost constantly...as would all the other snowmobilers making that trip that day.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129440 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is also prudent to compare this winter sound limit to summer noise pollution. A passenger sitting in the back of a Greyhound bus is subjected to sound pollution which exceeds eighty decibels. How can these claims be justified? Where is the proof of 'significant injury'? Why the focus on winter? Why not limit summer access? Maybe we ought to be wondering about the big picture??

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128963 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone Park is an established practice, now a tradition for many families and an important part of the utilization of the rich natural resources available there for recreation. It in no way diminishes the experience of any reasonable person and based on many studies does not appreciable affect animal life in any significant way. New snowmobiles have been designed to reduce to a minimum any exhaust emissions and the sound levels have dropped to barely noticeable levels

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 648 **Comment Id:** 126778 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: One of the main reasons I go to the park is to enjoy the peace and quiet. If I want to hear gasoline powered engines, I can stand on a street corner.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126949 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles also interfere with the ability of human visitors to experience and enjoy

the ambience of the park when they are being assaulted with the noise and air pollution these machines create.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128360 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Group Size and Timing: We have commented in the past that the minimum snowmobile group size has been set too low, which encourages 'elite entries' where an individual or a couple hires a snowmobile guide to take them into the Park for their own exclusive trip. While this provides a degree of the 'individualized access' we advocate for, it is only for those who are rich enough to afford paying for 'their own group.' The real concern we have with this issue is that sound monitoring measures 'percent time audible' ? so such small groups unnecessarily inflate the time snowmobile groups are audible. We believe it would be beneficial to establish a minimum snowmobile group size of 5 (guide plus 4 individuals/family members) to curtail elitism while also improving Park soundscapes.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 642 **Comment Id:** 126770 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone deserves to have stillness during the trying winter months so wildlife clinging so precariously to life at this time can survive the extremes of cold and snow. Certainly snowmobiles roaring through the forest trails impinge on the whole idea of a forest preserve for survival during the crucial winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: Nancy C Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127015 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The noise is deafening, and the whole idea and practice of snowmobiles in a national park is not in keeping with the reason that we have these parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 123 **Comment Id:** 127509 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Wheeled vehicles in general pollute much less than oversnow vehicles, both in terms of emissions and noise, while using fuel more efficiently thus lowering the overall environmental impact.

Organization: GOSA

Commenter: Udo Freund **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1156 **Comment Id:** 128061 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Noise pollution ? I go to parks for the quiet and natural sounds. You can hike a mile in summer to get away from cars, but sound travels farther in winter, and the constant whine of snowmobiles is loud enough that OSHA requires hearing protection for their use. I'd much rather have one snow coach passing through every hour or half hour than this constant sound which also impacts animals in ways we're only beginning to understand.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127411 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Sound is going to be present in a National Park that is visited by so many people each year, from the sounds of motorcycles and RVs in the summer or snowmobiles and snow coaches in the winter. I think the expectation of some people that the park should be quiet is just unreasonable for the average park visitor. I would personally rather hear some cool over the snow vehicles instead of snow plows and regular street traffic during the winter. Without motorized transportation not many people would be able to cross country ski or snowshoe all the way in to areas like Old Faithful or Canyon, the 2 biggest winter time attractions.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 650 **Comment Id:** 126781 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are so disruptive to wildlife at a time they do not need to be disturbed into fleeing or even moving to where they won't be disturbed. Many, many snowmobilers are not in the

wintertime park to visit nature. They are there to race and ride where ever they wish.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Lenaghan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129310 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It is not fair to ruin the natural YNP experience of cross country skiers because of noise, pollution, and the extra expenditures of public resources such as road maintenance and other services for snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126987 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Noise audible several hours each day, exceeding the Park's protective thresholds;

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128719 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: With the changes and advancements in technology, we now have clean and quite snowmobiles that no longer create bad experiences or the environmental concerns of the past. This advancement was perhaps slow in coming, but I understand the process involved for the manufactures when you build only once a year and have to wait a full year for the next advancement to make it to market. I am sure that you can see and hear the progress that has been made in only the past five years.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128257 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park in the winter prior to the recent snowmobile regulations and found the regulations from the 1990's not enforced or ignored which bothered me. For instance, on one of my visits the snowmobiles ahead of me clearly violated the noise limits (open pipes and no silencer)

stated on the large sign entering the park. But they were waived right through without a look, how could this be I asked myself? Given the recent changes in snowmobile technology machines are now much cleaner and quieter than they were even 10 years ago. Allowing new generation snowmobiles into the park should be viewed no different than allowing motorcycles into the park in the summer. As with the vehicle fleet in the summer the snowmobile fleet is changing even quicker and needs to be taken into account.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1511 **Comment Id:** 128433 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have good quiet clean burning snowmobiles which do not harm the environment.

Organization:

Commenter: fred lutz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126832 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowcoaches provide comfortable, minimally invasive access to the interior of the park. The snow mobiles are loud, noisy, polluting and extremely disruptive of the migration paths of the various animals in the park. As Yellowstone Park is the most complete eco-system in the lower 48, can't we please do what's right for the asset?

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1590 **Comment Id:** 129849 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Noise levels appear to still be a concern, though, and OSV numbers may need to be limited to protect the Yellowstone soundscape resource. The individual vehicle sound measurements, as regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, need to be better correlated with the NPS ambient soundscape measuring methods to achieve appropriate results. For example, limited an individual snowmobile sound to 73 dBA with appropriate BAT measurements will not equal and will possibly always exceed the ambient level noise measurements if the snow machines are required to be in a guided group of 6 to 100 snowmobiles. There may be a better way to correlate the two for the desired resource preservation, as accomplished with emissions (Society of Automotive Engineers' Clean Snowmobile Challenge (SAE CSC) 2001, 2002 summary, and work by NPS with Southwest Research Institute (2001-2203) and Dr. Gray Bishop, 1998-2007).

Organization: Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Commenter: Richard H Opper **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129272 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A focus of past winter use planning processes is what type of oversnow motorized recreational use should be permitted in YNP. Over time, as the NPS has reduced the daily number of snowmobiles and snowcoaches allowed to enter YNP through daily cap limits, the impacts of these machines on air quality, wildlife, and the soundscape have declined as compared to the impacts that were present when oversnow motorized vehicles were unregulated. This is both a product of reduced numbers, the requirement for cleaner/quieter machines, and the imposition of a guiding requirement. These changes have all represented steps in the right direction but since oversnow motorized recreational use is still permitted impacts continue; impacts that would not exist if such use were to be further cut back or confined or eliminated altogether.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128370 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: While it would be unfair to shield the park entirely from visitors in the winter, it seems reasonable to bring the noise and pollution levels to their lowest possible limits.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128674 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: NPS made a key assumption in 2003 when it reversed its prior decision to phase out snowmobiling in Yellowstone, asserting that the environmental performance of BAT snowmobiles would continue to improve and thereby reduce the impacts of snowmobiling on the park's unique winter environment. While the 2003 replacement rule authorizing a continuation of snowmobile use was invalidated, NPS carried its underlying assumption forward into subsequent winter-use studies, contending that "technological improvements will continue and that snowmobiles entering the parks will be even cleaner and quieter than the machines evaluated for the SEIS." (2003 ROD at 15.) This has simply proven incorrect.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 279 **Comment Id:** 127655 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As a local user of the park I have limited my use of the West Yellowstone entrance in the winter due to the number of snowmobiles and the resulting to air and noise pollution.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129536 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The greatest sound infractions appear to be by a few of the snowcoaches. Certainly the visitor experience studies show the various groups did not find one or the other vehicles particularly offensive. Our experience also substantiates that. People know that if they are to be able to see the interior of this vast park they cannot get there and enjoy what they do in total quiet without some vehicle noise and absence of sound.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128866 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: V. The Negative Impact that Snowmobiles Have on the Natural Soundscape Warrants a Ban on Snowmobile Use. As stated in the 2007 FEIS, "soundscapes are a key resources, as well as a highly prized (and expected) element of the park visitor experience." In the 2008 EA, the NPS goes on to emphasize the importance of natural soundscapes in the Parks: An important part of the NPS mission is to preserve or restore the natural soundscapes associated with units of the National Park System. The 2006 NPS Management Policies defines the "natural ambient sound level" as "the environment of sound that exists in the absence of human-caused noise," and considers this to be the "baseline condition, and the standard against which current conditions in a soundscape will be measured and evaluated" (NPS 2006: 8.2.3) (however, in Environmental Consequences, comparisons are made against existing ambient conditions because the monitoring information upon which analysis was based included all ambient sounds such as other human-caused sounds like exhaust fans and voices some of which obscured the sound of OSVs). Further, the NPS "will restore to the natural condition wherever possible those park soundscapes that have become degraded by unnatural sounds (noise), and will protect natural soundscapes from unacceptable impacts" (NPS 2006: 4.9). Although "park visitors also expect sounds ? associated with people visiting their parks (such as children laughing, park interpretive talks, motors in cars and motorboats)", NPS's 2006 Management Policies direct that "the Service will take action to prevent or minimize those noises that adversely affect the visitor experience or that exceed levels that are acceptable to or appropriate for visitor uses of parks"

(NPS 2006: 8.2.2).

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127023 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We are now all familiar with the noise pollution, air pollution, and destruction associated with snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127868 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I went the NPS web site and looked at the relevant studies. The noise study placed the major emphasis on the percent of time sounds were audible. I do not think this measure is useful, particularly close to travel corridors. First, I have skied every winter in Yellowstone for the last 15 years. I only need to be one quarter to one half mile from the travel corridor to be in an area of natural sound level. I do not believe it is reasonable to expect a natural soundscape in populated areas of National Parks. If a person wants to experience silence in a park, they should venture a little off the beaten path.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127872 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Third, a quote from the report says "Based on all monitoring data, the average percent time audible was 60% for developed areas, 39% for travel corridors, 20% for transition zone, and 15% for backcountry areas." This means that 61% of the time sounds in the travel corridor were not audible. This is a lot of quiet. In addition, the median sound level was below 50 dba, and this level is defined as "a croaking raven at 100 feet." Conversation is listed as 60 dba. To expect this low level of sound in congested areas is not realistic, nor is it consistent with making the park available to be enjoyed by the people.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1397 **Comment Id:** 128472 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone is large enough to satisfy everyone's perception of what a winter experience is in the park. People who want solitude and silence will find it just off the road - I know this from personal experience. This point is valid no matter the season.

Organization:

Commenter: Kent Dyet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126388 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The noise and pollution also ruin the tranquil winter park experience for those who are there to appreciate the winter wonderland

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 19 **Comment Id:** 126938 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I'm thrilled that there are limits on the numbers of 4-stroke snowmobiles, as the road conditions in the Park are a lot better and it's quieter in the Park and in town.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol Anderson Barney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1688 **Comment Id:** 130289 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: EPA acknowledges the significant improvements in the Parks' winter environment compared to historic conditions. The NPS has documented that strict limitations on the number of snowmobiles, combined with model snowmobile best available technology (BAT) program, have produced dramatically improved air quality and reduced noise impacts. These improvements to winter use management have effectively reduced visitor health risks from poor air quality. While snowmobile visitors are still exposed to noise levels at which hearing protection is recommended, park monitoring in recent years has noted reductions in the frequency, extent and duration of soundscape impacts in the park. Even with these improvements, there may yet remain opportunities for producing cleaner air and a more natural soundscape through this EIS process. As a Cooperating Agency, EPA would like to offer assistance to the NPS in identifying opportunities for further improving resource conditions and

identifying and assessing potential mitigation measures to help the NPS minimize resource impacts.

Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency

Commenter: Larry Svoboda **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127887 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With the advancements in snowmobile technology, EPA regulations on noise and sound the snowmobiles of today are cleaner and quieter than ever. If anything the impact that snowmobiles have had on the park has DROPPED in the last 5 years. I invite you to check into snowmobile emission regulations and see for yourself, and in 2012 the restrictions will become even tighter.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 652 **Comment Id:** 126782 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Air quality & mitigating air pollution must be priorities in Yellowstone. Moreover, the incessant noise pollution from snowmobiles must be eliminated. Though I reside "back east" Yellowstone has been one of my favorite destinations since 1970!

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 648 **Comment Id:** 126777 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The main reason I want snow machines out of Yellowstone is the noise they make. When snow mobiles are zipping around in the park, they ruin the experience for everyone else.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 162 **Comment Id:** 128389 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In order to preserve the quiet and solitude of Yellowstone in winter, the park should go to a snowcoach-only policy. This would minimize traffic, noise, pollution and impacts to wildlife

while providing access to the park throughout the winter months to people of all ages.

Organization: gyc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 161 **Comment Id:** 129248 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Here are a few facts that are obvious to those of us that actually live near the park and enjoy the winter wonderland of Yellowstone. Snow coaches are nosier while idling and also while running down the trail. Snow coaches idle more than individual snowmobiles. Certain areas of the park have specific times that snowmobiles can go to that area vs. snow coaches having free access to these areas. Individual snowmobilers are paying more for the experience of visiting Yellowstone in the winter on their own sleds. This is good for the economy of all neighboring communities. Individual snowmobilers have time restrictions of their time in the park and are also not allowed in to visit certain areas. The newer heavier snowcoaches are rutting up the trails on the southend. Between the southend and Old Faithful the roads are dangerous and unsafe for other snowcoaches and individual snowmobiles due to these ruts.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 915 **Comment Id:** 127401 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date had advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscapes. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines

Organization:

Commenter: Carol M Gisselquist **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 371 **Comment Id:** 126655 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a guide/instructor in Yellowstone National Park. I've been traveling into the Interior with groups since 2002. With the current restrictions in place, I have seen a positive change in noise levels and attitudes. I work with skiers who often come into the Park with a negative opinion of snowmobiles/bilers. After traveling and skiing in the Interior for a number of days, they feel better about allowing snowmobiles into the park. However, there is still quite a noise factor when one is standing near the road watching 10 machines or more travel past. With all that said, knowing that this will be litigated past our lifetimes, I feel it is important to keep preservation at the forefront, while still

allowing for the enjoyment of the people.

Organization: please uncheck member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 245 **Comment Id:** 127319 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: No single human act can disturb the natural winter processes of a large ecosystem like Yellowstone National Park more than NOISE: drones and whines of far-off motors, shattering noises of close-by engines, human shouts and chatter heard above the mechanical sounds.

Organization:

Commenter: Teddy W Roe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 90 **Comment Id:** 129513 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: One of the key points to the preservation of our national parks as areas left "as they are" with little to no development includes NOISE POLLUTION. Allowing snowmobiles (or other equally loud and obnoxious vehicles) in our wild areas is the antithesis of the whole idea of keeping them wild. There are other places those that find that activity "fun" can go, but it really upsets the delicate structure of nature. Auditory cues and stimuli are incredibly important to all living things, especially mammals. In many cases, it means survival. Part of the beauty and enjoyment of these places includes the lack of all artificial (made by humans and their technology) noise.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127017 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are LOUD. This ruins the outdoor experience in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 770 **Comment Id:** 127109 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We live in Bozeman, a town 90 miles from the Park whose economy depends in large

part on Park tourism. As locals, we are also lucky enough to enjoy the Park ourselves, whether skiing or taking a snowcoach in winter, hiking in summer, or wildlife viewing in all seasons. Until the snowmobile numbers decreased, we never wanted to visit the Park in the winter, due particularly to their noise and speed. Especially in winter when auto use declines and the snow and cold encourage quiet, the noise of many motors is not just personally annoying but seems anathema to the whole atmosphere the Park should represent for wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127445 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow coach visits are less expensive, provide a quieter experience for visitors, pollute the air less, and less distracting to park wildlife. As a result, visitors are experiencing a quieter, cleaner Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127446 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobile manufacturers, despite their promises to the contrary, are producing machines that are louder than they agreed to make to meet Yellowstone's standards.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 58 **Comment Id:** 129459 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Noise attributable primarily to snowmobiles remains audible several hours each day, exceeding the Park's protective thresholds;

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 172 **Comment Id:** 128811 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It is truly difficult to avoid the noise from snowmachines in many places where one could once enjoy a sense of winter's quiet and solitude. The Park should be a place where that experience can still occur.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128142 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and snowcoaches both disrupt the purpose and need of the park by destroying soundscapes, polluting the air, disturbing non-motorized users and stressing wildlife. Though much of the park is un-roaded wilderness, the sound and air pollution from motorized vehicles travels beyond the confines of the roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128040 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no legitimate reason for reducing snowmobile numbers other than you guys just want them out of the park. They are clean enough and quiet enough. That was what was asked for. Now that manufacturers are meeting those requirements there shouldn't be any more issues. There isn't anymore stress on animals then there would be with snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 242 **Comment Id:** 127190 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: PLEASE KEEP THE QUIET OF YELLOWSTONE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1145 **Comment Id:** 128025 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please at least tell the truth about the best available technology machines that are

allowed are as quiet and most likely quieter than most summer use vehicles, they are as clean or cleaner than most summer use vehicles. If the current machines are not clean or quiet enough just make the restrictions tighter to make them as quiet and as clean as you wish, the manufacturers will build them, but then we all know that clean and quiet is not the real issue at hand.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 496 **Comment Id:** 128793 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: When we visited Yellowstone we took the snow coaches in and cross-country skied. It was magical. The only part we didn't like was the presence of snowmobiles with their noise and exhaust.

Organization: Thiss Associates Inc.

Commenter: Thomas Thiss **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 218 **Comment Id:** 127278 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone Nat. Pk. in the summer and even thou there was a lot of vehicles there was not the blue haze and the noise created by snowmobiles

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127733 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I spent several days at Old Faithful during the winters of 1978 and 1980, and at the Canyon Yurts in 2003. During the earlier two years, I was totally disgusted by the noise, air pollution, and wild driving of the snowmobiles. In 2003, the snowmobile traffic was much tamer but still out of place and the continuous road grooming and daily snowcoach tours were excessive for someone seeking a quiet winter experience. Now I stay in West Yellowstone and explore the northwest corner of the Park along Highway 191 on skis in order to get away from crowds and snowmobiles and snow coaches. (During the last week of February, I even saw two wolves and the remains of their latest meals.) But I would enjoy seeing the interior of the Park again in peace and quiet. Thank you for considering my comments.

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 220 **Comment Id:** 127283 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone should not be a winter playground for snowmobilers. Their exhaust fumes present a health hazard to people like my wife, who has asthma. Their noise disturbs wildlife and ruins the experience for skiers and for folks on snowshoes.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 489 **Comment Id:** 129106 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: As a fourth generation Montanan, I value the pristine environment the winter shows in Yellowstone. This includes the absences of sound. As you know when skiing in the back-country of Yellowstone in winter, not much is heard above the sounds of the skis contact with the snow. Having had to move from my home to California, I think often of my times in Yellowstone. I can only hope others have an opportunity to hear, sense and fell Yellowstone as I have. I miss it. Please keep Yellowstone serene. Use snowcoaches. Let Yellowstone be Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Joseph G Mangiantini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 494 **Comment Id:** 128817 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please keep the noise levels and destructive activity down to a minimum!

Organization: Sisters of Charity

Commenter: Paula Gonzalez **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 272 **Comment Id:** 127440 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone during the winter, and the beauty of it is magnificent. It is a shame to have the noise of snowmobiles roaring along the roads, when the peace and quiet shouts out to be heard. It seems an incongruous situation, and if you could keep them out of yellowstone, I think that the tourist would have an even more spectacular visit there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 15 **Comment Id:** 129160 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I was in Yellowstone the last winter before controls were put in place. It was terrible. You could breath at the rest stops for exhaust from the snowmobiles. While snowshoeing, you could hear them no matter where you went.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AE8500 Affected Environment: Park Operations (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127210 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There are specific speed limits on all Yellowstone snowmobile trails to protect wildlife and snowmobilers alike.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128408 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It appears to me that the existing "318" or the previous "540" interim plans have the most likely chance of implementation. Many years of monitoring data is now available for this type of mixed snowmobile/snowcoach use which enables the accurate modeling of the alternatives impact to wildlife, sound, air quality, and wilderness values in Yellowstone. Additionally, previous litigations have revealed what particular points of this alternative are most contentious and where more data may need to be presented or collected.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1503 **Comment Id:** 128461 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Living here in West Yellowstone, this winter was a good example of a low snow

year. The roads were bare for hundreds of miles in all directions. The road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and Madison Junction to Mammoth could have been bare as well, requiring NO maintenance as there was no snow to be plowed. There were beautiful, blue sky days where there could have been hundreds of folks at Old Faithful. Instead, there were 20 or 30?50 on a good day. People do not have the money to spend on a snowcoach or snowmobile ride, and even if they do, they are not interested in seeing Yellowstone in a line of people, or only being able to be at the geyser basin for 90 minutes. Sure, snow coach operators will tell tales of what a wonderful experience Yellowstone is via snow coach, and it is admittedly unique, yet not practical for the 21st century. Or economically fair. The Park often, in recent years (speaking of the West Entrance), had to start the season late, or end early, (the steel tracked oversnow season, and sometimes even the rubber tracked OSV season,) due to lack of snow. Wood chips being hauled in and out of Yellowstone to make the roads passable seem like a foolish expense when the road could be plowed and open to travel.

Organization:

Commenter: Maureen R Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1457 **Comment Id:** 129008 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The current interim plan with its number of snowmobiles capped at 318 per day is an arbitrary number which has had severe impacts on the outfitters providing access as well as the public trying to visit the park. As permits shrink the economic viability of outfitters decrease. The net result is that permits will be combined in order to achieve the economy of scale required to make business viable. This will also result in the public paying more to access the park. By choosing the average use from the previous year the park has acknowledged that more people entered the park than are allowed now on numerous days. The public use is not as easily transferred from one date to another. The demand to visit the Park is much greater during the Christmas holiday than during the middle of January. Allowing a greater use would not necessarily mean that visitation in January would also go up. Since this entire winter use plan process was started over a decade ago, the number of winter visitors has decreased dramatically and not just due to a cap on vehicles in the park. The end of private trips and the requirement for BAT sleds has had more impact than the number cap which we seem to constantly argue over. In the context of summer use the winter use numbers are so low to be almost considered inconsequential. I understand the Park's dual mission of protecting the Park while providing for public enjoyment. Often these two missions require tough choices. I believe that is essential to look at what is going on in the park and not just at people's opinions and perceptions of what they think is going on.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Trumbower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129348 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Daily Limits and Variable Limits: There continues to be a lot of discussion about daily snowmobile limits, as well as a push for variable/flexible daily limits. First in respect to overall

daily limits, our perspective is that the 'rules of the game' i.e. BAT and commercial guiding requirements determine the extent of snowmobile visitation which is likely and feasible. And it is important to look at 'lessons learned' before rushing to advocate for high numbers which are likely only pie in the sky if existing rules don't change. Since 2004 the 'rules of the game' have been 100% BAT snowmobiles and 100% commercially guided. There are clear trends which document that high daily snowmobile numbers will most likely never be achievable ? because the 'rules' do not provide an attractive experience to the majority of the public. Refer back to Table 1 on page 4 for a case in point: under these rules with a 720 cap during the 2008-2009 season, actual use averaged only 197 sleds per day and total snowmobile visits were only 27% of potential visits allowed. The cap was cut to 318 sleds per day for the 2009-2010 season and daily average was 193 sleds with about 61% of potential visits being utilized. And during both seasons the daily cap was approached only a handful of days over the entire season. Our point is that ? if the rules continue to be 100% BAT and commercially guided ? it is ludicrous to advocate for anything around 700 daily entries because it never was and never will be achieved ? so why create an unwarranted target for snowmobiling and take unnecessary floggings? It makes no sense.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128674 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: NPS made a key assumption in 2003 when it reversed its prior decision to phase out snowmobiling in Yellowstone, asserting that the environmental performance of BAT snowmobiles would continue to improve and thereby reduce the impacts of snowmobiling on the park's unique winter environment. While the 2003 replacement rule authorizing a continuation of snowmobile use was invalidated, NPS carried its underlying assumption forward into subsequent winter-use studies, contending that "technological improvements will continue and that snowmobiles entering the parks will be even cleaner and quieter than the machines evaluated for the SEIS." (2003 ROD at 15.) This has simply proven incorrect.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129637 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Park visitation under this Rule bottomed out as a minus 71 percent/minus 64,000 visitors and a minus \$708,000 in entrance revenue during the 2004/2005 winter season. Likewise, unless something changes from the severe restrictions imposed by the Temporary Rules, GTNP/Parkway snowmobile visitation will most likely continue at the current daily average of zero. We don't believe that should be the case, especially since more revenue is always needed to help manage the parks.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129639 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snow coach Visitation: There has been a lot of emphasis's that snow coaches are being touted the transportation of the future in Yellowstone. There have been massive attempts to market snow coach visitation during the three years of the Temporary Plan, as well as in the years leading up to it. And many proponents have trumpeted the "large increase in coach riders" and that "winter visitors have voted with their feet ? and well over 60% of snowmobile visitors voted to walk away. And today over 55,000 of them continue to stay away ? because the winter experience being offered is not what they desire.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1578 **Comment Id:** 129883 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Concessionaire and park employee operations and safety: Oversnow travel greatly complicates both the parks and the concessionaires operation at Old Faithful. Fresh food and produce has to be hauled for visitors and employees at great expense. High fuel usage and carbon emissions are a consequence of hauling supplies oversnow. In some cases snowmobiles and sleds are even used, at risk to employees. Light trucks are much more fuel efficient and safer with air bags and seatbelts.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglas Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 699 **Comment Id:** 126875 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It has been my considered opinion for the last 30 years that the National Park Service management at Yellowstone National Park has not been kind to the middle and lower class citizens of the United States. The management practices during the winter have pandered to the wealthy and privileged. This is an elitist attitude and should not be the position of the management of the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128354 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Daily Limits and Variable Limits: There continues to be a lot of discussion about daily snowmobile limits, as well as a push for variable/flexible daily limits. First in respect to overall daily limits, our perspective is that the 'rules of the game' i.e. BAT and commercial guiding requirements determine the extent of snowmobile visitation which is likely and feasible. And it is important to look at 'lessons learned' before rushing to advocate for high numbers which are likely only pie in the sky if existing rules don't change. Since 2004 the 'rules of the game' have been 100% BAT snowmobiles and 100% commercially guided. There are clear trends which document that high daily snowmobile numbers will most likely never be achievable ? because the 'rules' do not provide an attractive experience to the majority of the public. Refer back to Table 1 on page 4 for a case in point: under these rules with a 720 cap during the 2008-2009 season, actual use averaged only 197 sleds per day and total snowmobile visits were only 27% of potential visits allowed. The cap was cut to 318 sleds per day for the 2009-2010 season and the daily average was 193 sleds with about 61% of potential visits being utilized. And during both seasons the daily cap was approached only a handful of days over the entire season. Our point is that ? if the rules continue to be 100% BAT and commercially guided ? it is ludicrous to advocate for anything around 700 daily entries because it never was and never will be achieved ? so why create an unwarranted target for snowmobiling and take unnecessary floggings? It makes no sense.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128283 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - John Lounsbury, the former avalanche mitigation program leader at YNP reported that the occurrence of naturally triggered avalanches decreased significantly when hazard reduction missions were conducted more frequently and the current avalanche report backs this up 100%. - A program to assess and mitigate the hazard on Sylvan Pass has been operational since the 1970's. For over thirty years this program has relied upon artillery to assess the stability of the snow and reduce the hazard for the purpose of quickly reopening the road to travel. - The NPS reports that in 2004 safety concerns with the existing artillery program resulted in the decision to contract for a helicopter and crew to drop explosives from the air into avalanche starting zones. Helicopter missions became part of the program during winter 2004/2005 and played a substantial role in the 2005/2006 season. The mitigation team was directed that all explosives deployment be conducted by helicopter except in the case of an emergency during the 2006/2007 season. - In the majority of avalanche mitigation programs identified and known to Bob Comey, the author of the report, "the helicopter delivery of explosives is a supplemental role" to a primary artillery program.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128285 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Avalanche forecasters and mitigation crews are exposed to hazards as they perform their jobs. It is customary practice for ski patrollers at resorts and transportation quarter personnel to pass through avalanche terrain before it is cleared for maintenance personnel to enter or open to the public. The Sylvan Pass mitigation team members are very competent, professional and are very dedicated to the work they do. - The recent avalanche report does not express any fear reported by the lake or east gate rangers about their safety. It is obvious that if significant danger exists these workers do not expose themselves or the public to the hazard. - The decision to conduct the reconnaissance patrol, travel to the gun mount or open Sylvan Pass to the public is a reasonable and calculated risk based on the information available and the knowledge and experience of the members of the avalanche hazard assessment and mitigation program.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128286 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Risk-based decisions are made by NPS personnel who fight fires and perform technical climbing rescues. The safety of team members and the public is dependent on the resources available to make this assessment and the skill and experience of the forecasters. - This crew has performed this task without the benefit of real time meteorological data from sylvan pass. Continual real time information regarding wind speeds and direction, air temperatures and snow fall are essential data for the mitigation team and an industry standard for this type of program. This essential meteorological instrumentation can be easily and relatively inexpensively provided with a specialized remote weather station and should be put in place immediately. - Having the Lake District crew conduct mitigation and reconnaissance patrols regularly on sylvan pass gives them a tremendous amount of season specific and snowpack specific knowledge and information that is important for avalanche management during the winter and important for plowing operations in the spring. The Lake District rangers do avalanche forecasting ? give them the simple tools to do it properly! Do not gradually erode their knowledge and skill base and then tell us there are not rangers in the park with the necessary experience and skill to manage avalanches!

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128419 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - It would be extremely difficult logistically to travel to the east side of the park from the towns of West Yellowstone or from Mammoth Hot Springs. Commercial operators (assuming that snowcoach/snowmobile travel on the east side would continue in a managed manner as it is now)

would need to trailer their equipment to Norris or Old Faithful. This would involve considerable expense that obviously would be passed on to the winter visitor. Large staging and parking areas would need to be constructed or located at each of these "jump off" points. Maintenance of oversnow equipment would be problematic as I assume no shops or enclosed work spaces would be available at these transfer points.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1096 **Comment Id:** 127847 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Let me zoom out and showcase the larger potential ramifications of my concern. I was taught by some learned Recreation Management faculty at the University of Montana and Interpretive Staff at Yellowstone National Park that through education, we foster a sense of stewardship in park visitors. I wholeheartedly bought into that concept, and still embrace it. I watch the Yellowstone Association Institute labor to pursue that lofty goal. They have brought partnering with Xanterra into the equation. It appears to be a win/win, but I fear that we are not reaching enough individuals. Yellowstone National Park needs all the vigorous support it can acquire through a broad, educated constituency. If the day comes that the average American citizen sees Yellowstone as a playground for the rich, Yellowstone will suffer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 889 **Comment Id:** 127677 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Over the years I have watched, listened and read about the management and control of Yellowstone National Park. Politics are destroying our Parks. From shopping for a Judge who could politically maneuver by special interest groups. The Park Service does a good job of managing the daily operations of the Park. It is my opinion the Park Service in the past has used special interest groups to champion their desires and views. I would suggest that the Park Service prepare the factual information about the Park and remain neutral and use their time, talent and federal funds and park fees to operate the Park. In fact, Yellowstone Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis release an eight (8) page s informational monitoring and science related to winter use of the Park dated October 15, 2009. Special interest groups from both sides of the issues are destroying our National Parks. To most of these special interest groups, it is not about what is best for the Yellowstone National Park but we have more political clout, we will do it our way.

Organization:

Commenter: William E Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1577 **Comment Id:** 129820 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Thus, I appreciate your efforts to better manage snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park with attention to providing access while fulfilling your mandate to protect the landscape of the park and its natural resources. Your own National Park Service's studies of winter use alternatives in Yellowstone since 1998 have clearly demonstrated that snowmobile use causes a significant level of harm to park resources and that adverse impacts to air, quiet and wildlife can be minimized with more environmentally-friendly access.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Raymond **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 161 **Comment Id:** 129248 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Here are a few facts that are obvious to those of us that actually live near the park and enjoy the winter wonderland of Yellowstone. Snow coaches are noisier while idling and also while running down the trail. Snow coaches idle more than individual snowmobiles. Certain areas of the park have specific times that snowmobiles can go to that area vs. snow coaches having free access to these areas. Individual snowmobilers are paying more for the experience of visiting Yellowstone in the winter on their own sleds. This is good for the economy of all neighboring communities. Individual snowmobilers have time restrictions of their time in the park and are also not allowed in to visit certain areas. The newer heavier snowcoaches are rutting up the trails on the southend. Between the southend and Old Faithful the roads are dangerous and unsafe for other snowcoaches and individual snowmobiles due to these ruts.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1300 **Comment Id:** 128245 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Currently, the park is operating under an interim winter use plan (through the winter of 2010-2011), while the NPS prepares this long-term winter plan. The temporary winter use plan allows for a maximum of 318 snowmobiles in Yellowstone each day. All visitor snowmobiles in Yellowstone must be led by commercial guides. All commercially guided snowmobiles are required to be "Best Available Technology," (BAT) which are the cleanest and quietest commercially available snowmobiles. Up to 78 snowcoaches are also permitted each day, and they must be commercially guided.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AE9500 Affected Environment: General/Other (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 369 **Comment Id:** 126652 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: YNP is without a doubt one of the planet's most endearing treasures. It is an extremely delicate and sensitive landscape. The park gets overused in the summer. The winter is when our treasure gets a chance to rest.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 105 **Comment Id:** 126924 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Moreover, snowcoaches are more fuel efficient given the greater number of passengers, versus many individual snowmobiles. Greater fuel efficiency translates into less emissions of the harmful greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Climate change threatens Yellowstone's wildlife, vegetation, and ecology in fundamental ways, and every opportunity should therefore be implemented to encourage greater fuel efficiency and reduced harmful emissions.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128923 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please carefully consider all sides of this issue and make a decision that won't be up for debate or renewal every 2 years. Perhaps this would help the town of West Y. make their long term plans. Thanks for the opportunity to make comments.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128271 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobile numbers through the East Gate for the 09/10 winter season have increased over the prior winter and the downward trend has now, finally, been reversed. The North Fork corridor has been again brought to life by the awakening of the Sleeping Giant Ski Area. Much

investment of time and money has gone into this effort and the people of Park County have shown great support for winter uses and skiing on the North Fork. Many more people will be recreating on the North Fork again in the winter and this in turn will increase the snowmobile traffic through the East Gate.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1648 **Comment Id:** 129913 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Since the preponderance of credible information and data point toward a lack of evidence that snowmobiling is negatively affecting YNP, we believe it is important to develop an alternative that allows for a non-commercial group leader to bring small groups into the Park. Families, small clubs, church organization and even a group of friends miss an opportunity to see YNP due to the onerous guide requirements. A commercial guide adds a level of expense to these typical groups, which results in only the higher income visitors being in a position to see the wonders of the Park in the winter. There should be ample opportunity to develop a system that utilizes existing resources which would provide for the certification of a non-paid guide that can take a small group (say, six, representing the guide, plus five) into the park. This would make the trip more economical, yet still provide reasonable control over access.

Organization: Utah Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Curtis Kennedy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129924 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping PO BOX 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 Delivered via U.S. Mail and electronically via <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell> Dear Planning Team: On behalf of the members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) I am writing regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We support the position taken by the Yellowstone National Park Planning Team in the establishment of the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks that ensures the Park is protected and enjoyed. We agree that air quality is very good to excellent in the winter and the mandated use of Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles has improved the winter experience while visiting Yellowstone in the winter over the last few winter seasons.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1417 **Comment Id:** 128405 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please follow the good science that has been produced over decades of research that clearly shows snowmobiles damage the environment for humans and animals in the park. The damage ranges from ruining the sensory experience of humans, the snow quality and damages human health. The most extreme damage occurs when the lives of wintering wildlife are compromised, potentially resulting in death for wintering animals struggling in the winters of Yellowstone National Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Gail Ferrell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 175 **Comment Id:** 129305 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: What I do think needs to be emphasized, in addition to those arguments, is just how incompatible winter motorized vehicle use is with the primitive character that the park is intended to maintain, and the non-motorized use that seeks that basic primitive character of this landscape.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 974 **Comment Id:** 128058 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The current snowmobile cartel made up of just a few businesses in town claim to be the voice of community opinion. They are not. We believe the Park is such a unique experience in winter, and one that could be enjoyed by a much more diverse and responsible visitor.

Organization:

Commenter: Craig Menzel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128627 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Superintendent Suzanne Lewis Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190 Dear Superintendent Lewis: As a concerned citizen who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1289 **Comment Id:** 128225 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is absolutely no evidence of winter use when the snow melts, therefore the environmental impact in my opinion is 0(zero).

Organization: Ski Benders

Commenter: Rudy A Classen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129538 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The vast expanse of wilderness is readily apparent from high vistas and vast expanses. Like the animals, wilderness with its entire vast expanse can be seen from afar and appreciated even a few feet off the road.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 960 **Comment Id:** 127627 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Consider spiritual values of wilderness

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127024 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park must be protected; the Park Service has this charge.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127026 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: This precious natural area with protected wildlife, our first National Park, deserves our greatest preservation efforts.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1397 **Comment Id:** 128477 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The road construction that has been ongoing for years is more stressful and disruptive to animals and people alike than snowmobiles ever will be.

Organization:

Commenter: Kent Dyet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 572 **Comment Id:** 126848 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please do all that you can to establish and maintain a peaceful, more natural outdoor experience in Yellowstone in the winter for visitors. It will be better for wildlife as well.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126384 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I understand that there are monied snowmobile-supporters who feel strongly that they have a "right" to use their national park in their way - but it would seem more intelligent to protect the park's resources from the damages that these machines inflict.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1185 **Comment Id:** 128128 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Parks were created for all Americans. Some restrictions are necessary, but the impact of snowmobiles has been overstated by many groups.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Assn.

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 397 **Comment Id:** 126731 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a National Park, Yellowstone, is hopefully being preserved for everyone. Snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles are destructive and disruptive to nature. A true naturalist would snow shoe or cross-country ski through the wilderness.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold J Arns **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 500 **Comment Id:** 128789 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: As responsible conservators of Nature, we must do all that is possible in keeping our National Parks free from man-made noise and pollution. To do otherwise is an abrogation of our responsibility as human beings.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 111 **Comment Id:** 126976 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I see very little impact due to snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 969 **Comment Id:** 128018 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Why can't we enjoy the parks like everyone else? Look at the parks after the snow melts you can't even tell we were there.

Organization: Prior Lake Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John Hndermann **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 501 **Comment Id:** 126349 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127019 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: They compact the ground over time, making it difficult (or impossible) for seedlings to take root and grow.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 150 **Comment Id:** 128343 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow-coaches provide a superior method of providing visitor access, while protecting the park resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglass Owen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1319 **Comment Id:** 128982 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Vast in the state of Vermont did water sample testing on there trails this year and found absolutely no contamination from snowmobiles at all in the snow. So what effect really do they have on yellowstone. Do you really think the exhaust is going to have an effect. by the time it gets into the atmosphere and say any pollution from it comes down with rain snow its four states away from yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1274 **Comment Id:** 128189 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a great way to see the wildlife and country in the winter. The snowmobiles ride on top of the snow and do not tear up the land or make a mark on the land underneath the snow.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1090 **Comment Id:** 127815 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the opportunity to contact you regarding the matter. As one who values the use of snowmobiles, I see this issue as being incredibly important. Recent studies indicate that the impact of snowmobiles in National Parks has been vastly overstated by some stakeholders. Being an avid outdoor enthusiasts, I participate in both summer and winter off-road activities. The impact of snowmobiles on the environment is minimal in my opinion. Because snowmobiles travel over the snow, the habitat and vegetation on the ground below remain almost untouched.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Shade D Ferre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 44 **Comment Id:** 129471 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone Park is a global environmental treasure which is our responsibility to preserve and protect.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1173 **Comment Id:** 128099 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This is public land, land I choose to enjoy on a snowmobile. Man made Global warming has new been PROVEN to be a lie. Snowmobiles scare animals less than skiers PROVEN FACT. New technology has made new snowmobiles cleaner than a lot of cars.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 166 **Comment Id:** 128796 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: E.P.A. standards are in place for sleds just like the above mentioned vehicles. My understanding is that sleds are allowed only on the same roadways as cars (that come by the thousands) use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128368 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: IF the west side roads are plowed to help provide a measure of individual access, then we believe rules governing over-snow access from the south and east entrances (where snow depth is much greater and the potential for road plowing not very realistic) should also be revisited to help provide a measure of non-commercial access. Since, historically, the vast majority of documented snowmobile issues and conflicts occurred on the west side of the Park, it would seem appropriate to consider relaxing current rules for snowmobile use on the east side (east entrance to Lake, Canyon to West Thumb, and south entrance to Old Faithful) if a road plowing scenario is pursued. If you look back to when this long-running round of winter use planning started in 1997, it is well documented that conflicts with snowmobiles between West Yellowstone and Old Faithful drove changes in policy that unfortunately affected the whole Park ? but were overkill in respect to east side snowmobile issues. And if you remove issues caused by unguided rental sleds originating from Flagg Ranch (pre-2004 rules), documented east side snowmobile conflicts are next to nil. The bottom line is that if snowmobiles are removed from the west side of the Park, snowmobile policies for the east side should be given a fresh look regarding having to be 100% BAT and 100% commercially guided. Our suggestion is that a mix of Certified Leaders (a concept which we've already outlined above) and EPA Compliant Snowmobiles (outlined below) could help successfully achieve this.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127827 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: One thing I realized on this trip was that it would be virtually impossible to ski to old faithful unless you had countless days available to ski on a flat road (boring) with a multi-day pack. We have to admit that by the end of the day, the road got very rough due to all the snowmobile traffic.

Organization: myself

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 519 **Comment Id:** 127634 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The use of snowmobiles, for the pleasure of a few, is detrimental to the wildlife, ecology and the health of Park employees.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Hopton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 965 **Comment Id:** 128334 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: For most, winter access becomes a "Once in a lifetime" trip. Access to the Park shouldn't be exclusively for the wealthy. The citizens of this country pay taxes that support and preserve Yellowstone Park "For this and future generations, and for the benefit and enjoyment of the people." They also pay to enter Yellowstone Park as a visitor, and then the winter visitor is additionally required, forced really, to engage the services of a commercial company at substantial additional expense in order to see the features that make the Park the one of a kind place it is.

Organization:

Commenter: David E Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 963 **Comment Id:** 128361 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We need to allow for the plan to manifest itself, the average business will usually take between 5 and 10 years to mature and grow into a self sustaining opportunity. The rapid changes from year to year and even month to month in previous Winter Use Plans has been exceptionally burdensome on local businesses which can not react to such change in so short of a timeframe.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 963 **Comment Id:** 128363 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We need to have language in this plan that can protect the painstaking laid out rules of the next WUP and implement steps that last decades not months, or days. We need a plan that we can embrace and market to the general public, without backtracking every two weeks because the

whole dynamic has changed. If we have a long term plan, we can market towards that plan with purpose and without fear of our efforts being washed up by a "change" in policy. This will ensure a plan that can grow and evolve for the betterment of the whole community, not just economically, but environmentally, spiritually, enhancing freedoms, and growing the Winter YNP experience. Only by getting the local communities to embrace the plan will it actually accomplish the effects we all hope for!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 767 **Comment Id:** 127095 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter use of Yellowstone National Park has been a contentious issue in the town of West Yellowstone, MT for many years. On one hand, you have a few business owners in town that have permits to guide people into the park and insist that traveling into the park via snowmobile or snowcoach is the way it has always been done, and should continue that way. They also believe that the numbers allowed should be increased. On the other extreme, you have groups that would like nothing more than the total closing of Yellowstone during the winter so people can enjoy the quiet wilderness experience that winter in Yellowstone has to offer. I believe they are both on the wrong track; however, both can be accommodated.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Watson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 941 **Comment Id:** 127858 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowcoach numbers should be reduced. It takes more fuel(and emissions) to get people around in a coach than the same number of people on snowmobiles. Coaches cause the need for more grooming, as they seriously deteriorate road conditions. When coaches break down, an entire new coach needs to be brought in, and many times a maintenance vehicle to repair the coach.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 494 **Comment Id:** 128817 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please keep the noise levels and destructive activity down to a minimum!

Organization: Sisters of Charity

Commenter: Paula Gonzalez **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL4060 Alternatives: No Action (No OSV use) (Non-substantive) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 366 **Comment Id:** 126644 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern, I have long wondered at the road closures in Yellowstone per winter but as I have a biologist friend who makes other subjects clear to me that are unpopular with the public I have faith the good people managing Yellowstone have their reasons. Having visited each winter in a row for my 4 year residency here I have become more and more perplexed though at the reasoning for this. Having driven to old faithful myself many times I am well aware of the small distance it takes to get there and can't understand the unreasonable cost for a ONE WAY RIDE. If the cost was more affordable to the masses then I can support the closures, but for now I do not.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128039 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If snowmobiles are kicked out of the park then so should snow coaches and everything else.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 505 **Comment Id:** 126386 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Protection of Yellowstone is a high priority for almost every American. Please act to restore this park.

Organization:

Commenter: Ellen L O'Connor **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 431 **Comment Id:** 128618 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: We need to defer to wildlife biologists and other environmental scientists and not

yield to political pressure of those that are in a position to exploit our resources. The National Parks traditionally work under more strict restrictions than the National Forests. I am in favor of being more restrictive to include banning recreational use of snowmobiles or any off road use of vehicles in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127833 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: All in all, the overall numbers should be restricted to a certain level especially on the weekends and holidays, which in turn will help maintain the quality and value of the experience.

Organization: myself

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 332 **Comment Id:** 126548 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe the Winter Use Plan should make the park's environment and animals the priorities in decisions about OSVs. As I said, I would love to see them gone completely.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Law **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 11 **Comment Id:** 127714 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Simple: No motorized vehicles. Period.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 576 **Comment Id:** 127217 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I understand from the National Park Service web site that all motorized snow-vehicle access into Yellowstone is scheduled to end at the end of Winter 2010-2011, unless a new plan to manage such use is in place. If it were up to me alone, I'd favor letting such access lapse and

prohibiting it forever into the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew G Webb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 33 **Comment Id:** 127738 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: We love Yellowstone. My twelve year old son was outraged, however, at the thought of motorized vehicles being allowed to invade the peace and quiet of the animal sanctuary in winter months. It is our understanding that the elk in particular retreat from higher ground to the park at that time of year. The idea of invasive humans running them down or even watching from a distance sounds selfish and insensitive to the extreme.

Organization: Yellowstone Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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AL5000 Alternatives: Continue Recent Use Levels (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 259 **Comment Id:** 127551 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Do not increase the wheeled or oversnow traffic in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 356 **Comment Id:** 126621 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that the money could better serve the park by continuing to limit traffic in the winter. And by promoting ride share or possibly increasing public transit options in the park. Thus, increasing the overall health and beauty of the park. With the possibility of a very successful and cheaper public option increasing overall visitor traffic and decreasing total vehicular use!

Organization:

Commenter: Michael Stapleton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 15 **Comment Id:** 129157 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please keep the current limits on snowmobile & snow coach use in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126634 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I favor what the NPS has right now during the winter of 2010. I do not see any problem with guided snowmobile trips, as long as the numbers are limited to the present peak total of around 300.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 313 **Comment Id:** 126425 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Winter Use Scoping: The current interim winter use plan (318 snowmobiles, guides, etc.), is very reasonable and should be made permanent to protect wildlife, soundscapes and health.

Organization:

Commenter: Noel Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 886 **Comment Id:** 127611 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a lover of the outdoors and of nature, and I believe that we need to take care of it. Taking care of nature does not mean restricting or even eliminating access. I am not a snowmobile rider but I do spend a lot of time outdoors. I do not believe that snowmobiles cause any significant damage to the park or to the wildlife (I did read the reports). I strongly believe that the limitations that are in place are adequate and we should not take away the rights of those who wish to enjoy the park in that way.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 703 **Comment Id:** 126878 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snow coach is a good method of transport to get into the park, so the limit on numbers per day should be left in place. The snowmobiles should be even more limited in numbers/day.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1232 **Comment Id:** 126520 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Even though this was probably my last trip inside the park because I surly do not need a guide, (I like the 4-stroke idea or until the 2-strokes get their emissions under control), please leave it alone, I like seeing people enjoy "our" National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127078 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In February 2010, my wife and I visited Yellowstone National Park on three separate days. On two days we took snowcoach tours from West Yellowstone, MT. On a third day we drove ourselves into the park from the North (Gardiner, MT) entrance, in a private auto. All three days were truly spectacular. I had been to Yellowstone NP previously twice in the summer, but my wife had never been there. We don't expect to revisit Yellowstone NP any other time of the year except winter. The winter scenery was breath-taking, the wildlife viewing was impressive, and visiting the geothermal areas was extraordinary with the back drop of snow. We were pleasantly surprised at the well-managed winter use of the park under this two-year interim regulation. I recommend you do not change anything in the winter use plan for the park, and offer the following specifics.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim VandenBerg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127080 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 2. Snowmobiles- We were surprised at how quiet the snowmobiles we encountered were and how little they impacted our visit. We had heard stories about the era in the parks' history when snowmobiles were relatively unregulated and would blight the park through noise, smoke and obnoxious rider behavior. While we would oppose loosening their regulation, we do support continued snowmobile access. The current regulation appear to provide a practical balance between use and

conservation. We support continued limits on the daily number of snowmobiles, pollution control standards, speed limits, guide requirements and time restrictions.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim Vandenberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 761 **Comment Id:** 127082 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 4. Northern entrance- we really enjoyed driving into the park on our own and the autonomy it afforded us. I would strongly encourage the NPS to continue to keep the northern gate open and accessible to all visitors provided vehicles adhere to speed limits.

Organization:

Commenter: Tim Vandenberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 903 **Comment Id:** 127280 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The silence needs to not be exploited, keep the restrictions on motorized vehicles, the wildlife deserves it, and so do those out to enjoy the peace of nature.

Organization:

Commenter: Kelli Cool **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1300 **Comment Id:** 128246 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Since the interim winter use plan has been in effect, I have visited YNP in winter traveling by snowcoach to SnowLodge where I cross-country skied for several days. I have also taken single day snowcoach rides into the Park during this time. Having seen commercially guided snowmobile groups in YNP during this time I can attest that this method of travel and enjoyment of the Park is a huge improvement from earlier years when snowmobile use was essentially unregulated and speed limit rules were largely unenforced. Based on my experienced and scientific evidence regarding the noise, pollution, harassment of wildlife, and damage to park resources of unguided snowmobile use, I recommend that only commercially guided snowmobile use be permitted as in the current winter use plan. Under no conditions should citizen-guided snowmobiling be allowed. Due to past evidence of inappropriate behavior (animal hazing, speeding, off-road travel, resource damage) by snowmobile riders and limited ability of the Park Service to enforce park rules, citizen-guided snowmobiles is untenable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127364 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I strongly support winter use in Yellowstone. I believe that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders and recent studies, and common sense, bear this out. There is no comparison between the thousands of private wheeled vehicles, buses, motorhomes and construction equipment that enter and use the park daily during the summer months and the 318, 4-stroke snowmachines that are allowed in per day in winter. If summer use is sound and in accord with the national parks mandate, the much lighter, less intrusive winter use **MUST** be (and is) compatible. It is disingenuous and simply wrong to argue that the winter use by snowmobiles that ride solely on the groomed roads, in guided groups and in very low numbers is more intrusive or damaging than the existing summer use.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 831 **Comment Id:** 127316 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We do believe that the park should remain open to over the snow vehicles that meet stringent noise and emission during the winter as how else can you get to the area unless you have the time and stamina to cross county ski in. That would severely limit the age bracket that could access the park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 677 **Comment Id:** 126835 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With that primary interest in mind, I think that the current winter use was about the right balance of human access. For the most part, winter visitors need to join a guided tour to see the park without damaging it. Keeping the north road open to private vehicles seems okay to me, but no more roads should be available to them. Snowmobiles should be carefully restricted in quantity and should be only allowed in small groups controlled by a licensed guide. It seems reasonable that the cost of maintaining snowmobile trails into the park from the south should be borne by the users.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean H Morse **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 677 **Comment Id:** 126839 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We should carefully regulate its use by visitors. It appears to me that the current winter regulations are about right.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean H Morse **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 668 **Comment Id:** 126817 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I deeply acknowledge the hard work you have already put into creating a solid winter use plan. I fully support committing this plan into permanence. It might give THE PARK clearer boundaries and maybe a little breathing room.

Organization: greater yellowstone coalition

Commenter: catherine shank **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1504 **Comment Id:** 128446 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I visited Yellowstone NP this winter and found the levels of visitation set for 2009 - 2010 very reasonable. I hope the daily visitation isn't allowed to increase very much.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1461 **Comment Id:** 128997 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I implore you to make a winter use plan that allows people to access their park unhindered. The plan that was in place for the 08-09 season works fine. This allows people to see the park. Or how bout giving us a weekly allotment of permits? Not a daily limit. That way on busy days you can accommodate and than the slower days balance it out. Please DO NOT take OUR national park away from us.

Organization:

Commenter: Casey Schroeder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1512 **Comment Id:** 128430 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While I am in support of access to the Yellowstone Park during the winter months, I am also in support of minimizing the impact. The present numbers appear to be viable and if there is need to increase the number of snow machines, I would like to see it held to a 10% increase over current volume.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 782 **Comment Id:** 127145 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I really don't understand this ongoing controversy. Since the permits were issued so that snowmobilers no longer have to wait at the entrance gate, air pollution is virtually nil. The snowmobilers show great respect for the buffalos and other wildlife while in the park, and they also stay on the highways. Quit wasting time, money and personel on this nit-picking.

Organization: Family Motor Coaching Assoc.

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 10 **Comment Id:** 126984 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Enough already!!! It has been over 8 1/2 years since I left West Yellowstone. I am a snowmobiler and a cross country skier. You can do both. When I lived in West Yellowstone for 5 years, I commented each time the capping of snowmobiles came up. Again enough already!! I am sick and tired of "a leftist" judge overturning a decision, then a "a rightest??" judge over turning the leftist judge ruling. The environmentalist are wasting the tax payers money. STOP IT NOW! Leave the temporary decision as stands or just plow the dang park from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. (This would get the winter business back on track) STOP jerking the business owners of West Yellowstone around. Make a decision and stick with it! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!! I am sick and tired of hearing about this subject. MAKE A DECISION and stick with it! You park leaders looks like a bunch of cowards that cringe everytime the environmentist speak. Stand up for yourselfs and make a decision. It is your's and mine's park, not the environmentalists.

Organization:

Commenter: Lori L Breford **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1562 **Comment Id:** 129321 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We are avid snowmobilers and find that this is the only way we can enjoy the areas we have visited all of our lives, in the winter months. Please do not take this right away from us. We love to visit Yellowstone in the winter and any rules that are more restrictive than the ones in place now would prohibit us from this experience.

Organization:

Commenter: Shirely and John Hicks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1407 **Comment Id:** 127232 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I recommend that the number of tracked vehicles be maintained as they are now controlled in the interim plan.

Organization:

Commenter: David T Stewart **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 94 **Comment Id:** 129429 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please keep the policy that you adopted for the 2008-2009 winter season in place as in my opinion it is preserving the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone. The snowmobiles were quieter and cleaner as the exhaust smells were minimal.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine M Frischmann **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1 **Comment Id:** 126945 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: The rules as of this date, Jan. 29, 2010, seem to be adequate with one exception. As far as the number of snowmobiles and snowcoaches allowed to enter the park per day seems fine with me. The use of the latest and best technology also seems adequate.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1561 **Comment Id:** 129324 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Since the interim winter use plan has been in effect, I have visited YNP in winter

travelling by snowcoach to SnowLodge where I cross-country skied for several days. I have also taken single day snowcoach rides into the Park during this time. Having seen commercially guided snowmobile groups in YNP during this time I can attest that this method of travel and enjoyment of the Park is a huge improvement from earlier years when snowmobile use was essentially unregulated and speed limit rules were largely unenforced. Based on my experienced and scientific evidence regarding the noise, pollution, and harassment of wildlife, and damage to park resources of unguided snowmobile use, I recommend that only commercially guided snowmobile use be permitted as in the current winter use plan. Under no conditions should citizen-guided snowmobiling be allowed. Due to the past evidence of inappropriate behavior (animal hazing, speeding, off-road travel, resource damage) by snowmobile riders and limited ability of the Park Service to enforce park rules, citizen-guided snowmobiles is untenable.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1560 **Comment Id:** 129253 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: 2. I believe that the historic modes of winter transportation need to be continued. Snowmobiles and snowcoach travel the choice of the public. Any other mode of transportation would diminish the winter experience for the visitor. Yellowstone is geared up for the over the snow transportation and should continue to do so into the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerry Johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 771 **Comment Id:** 127111 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe the present plan, winter of 2009-2010 plan, should remain in effect. The restrictions set forth in that plan adequately address the use of motorized equipment in the park. I believe all people have the right to have access to portions of Yellowstone Park regardless of handicaps or physical condition. The majority of the areas in Yellowstone remain wilderness setting regards of the areas that are open to motorized travel in the winter. To reduce or eliminate motorized winter travel would be a travesty to Yellowstone and to the citizens of the United States.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 145 **Comment Id:** 128320 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: My family does not have a lot of money to spend on guides and snowcoaches so

restricting the snowmobile access would pretty much eliminate any chance I would have of coming and enjoying the beautiful area.

Organization:

Commenter: Heath Finlinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1114 **Comment Id:** 127901 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I see nothing wrong with the way it is running now with letting a set amount of snowmobiles in the park per day.. Snowmobiles have been running throughout the park for many years. I do know that there are a few of the snowmobilers who don't respect the rules and they are the ones that should be delt with. Their are also the environmentalist or so they say who abuse it just a much as snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129149 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In conclusion, I believe that the dual goals of public access and preservation have been achieved by the winter use policies of the past 7 years. That is to say, the guided snowmobile system has proven to be a fair and effective solution. It would be responsible of us to keep in mind that during the past 7 years the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful has experienced unprecedented wildlife activity which has included a regular wolf and bobcat presence viewed by hundreds of people. It would seem that the wildlife itself shares my conclusion.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 827 **Comment Id:** 127307 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone Park open for snowmobiling. This is a great way for familys to enjoy the park in winter. I have never been to Yellowstone in winter yet but would like to be able to go and to do it by snowmobile. I would like to be able to take my family to see and enjoy the park in the winter time. I have been snowmobiling since the 70's and it is a great family sport. People need to be able to visit these places be snowmobile . The limits should not be lowered as to how many snowmobiles enter the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1667 **Comment Id:** 130123 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: FREEZE VISITOR USEAGE AT THE 2010 LEVEL AND UTILIZE A RESERVATION SYSTEM.

Organization:

Commenter: T Kiss **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 639 **Comment Id:** 126766 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I recommend continuing the current controlled method to vehicles entering the park. I think that approach preserves the park, isn't a threat to wildlife yet allows people to enjoy the beauty.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1184 **Comment Id:** 128127 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that banning snowmobiles from Yellowstone Park would be a mistake. I think that the current limits you have in place meet the requirements needed between access for all and protecting this beautiful place.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 397 **Comment Id:** 126732 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I don't suggest a complete ban of snowmobiles, but a recognition of their destructiveness and propensity to pollute, makes restrictions prudent. As a hiker, I am very well versed in the motto "leave no trace." I believe this motto should apply for all National Park users. Nature is simply too precious and rare for our attitudes towards preservation to remain so cavalier. Please consider all of the public as well as the health and welfare of Yellowstone's most precious residents, the wildlife. Snowmobilers need to realize that their mode of transportation does not enhance preservation of natural resources. And, if you impose on the rights of others, you need to accept restrictions. Please continue with the existing restrictions or develop even stricter restriction for

motorized over the snow vehicles. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold J Arns **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1498 **Comment Id:** 128444 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe that the limitations currently in affect provide a good experience to the park. The current amount of snowmobiles allowed is decent for several reasons, those being that it allows people to experience the park in an all new way, it will allow for more people to visit the park in its beauty, other than from the confines of a snowcoach.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127830 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We believe that snowmobiling in YNP should be an option for anyone who wants to travel in that fashion. However, the opportunity should be limited so that a quality experience is maintained.

Organization: myself

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126728 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The requirement to operate BAT snowmobiles, require guides in small groups and limit the number of snowmobiles entering the park each day have caused businesses to close and many motels to close for the winter due to the reduction in business due to the reduced number of snowmobiles allowed in the park. It doesn't make sense to further reduce the number allowed when it's lower than daily averages in previous years.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 787 **Comment Id:** 127160 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand that snowmobiling on designated trails within Yellowstone is again under review. For my kids, grand kids, and etc. It is a GREAT WAY to see the park with minimal degradation...if any! The present solution seems equitable. I will leave it to others to comment on the positive aspects of winter access. Thanks for the ability to comment

Organization: Blue Ribbon and other multi use

Commenter: Ben Bower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 371 **Comment Id:** 126657 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Keeping snowmobiles to a maximum of 318 is a good compromise between none and unlimited numbers. Having all snowmobiles BAT is also necessary--though BAT should be updated periodically past just the present ruling of 4-stroke. It is also important to make all snow coaches BAT. While those huge snow yachts are pleasant to ride in, they make a huge impact--both sight as well as fuel usage. I'd like to see a limit to size--making comfort as well as limits to passengers per vehicle.

Organization: please uncheck member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 564 **Comment Id:** 126840 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please consider not expanding the use of snow machines in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: John Bowman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 784 **Comment Id:** 127150 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The previous management plan took a reasonable approach to snowmobiling, although subsequent analysis indicates daily limits were to low. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a delightful, unique and valuable experience. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 8 **Comment Id:** 126980 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Keep the # of snow machines at their currant level or lower to none or close the park completely during the winter season.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean Savage **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128427 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In summary, I feel that the snowcoach/snowmobile mix as currently implemented in the interim plan is the preferred alternative for winter use in Yellowstone. The positive factors that this alternative brings are:

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128429 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Minimized impact to wintering wildlife during this time of high stress due to the guided requirement. Guiding also increases the visitors understanding and appreciation of Yellowstone unique winter resources through appropriate interpretation. Minimizes the impact to the winter soundscape and air quality due to the BAT requirements. Provides for the increases safety of visitors and employees due to guiding, professional drivers, and Park Service Control of activities. Provides the public an opportunity to experience and be inspired by Yellowstone's winter resources in a fitting and unique manner. Simplifies the management and logistical difficulties of winter use by maintaining a single plan for the entire park- not divided by east side and west side. Thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns with you during this scoping period. I look forward to a final plan that will provide visitors an opportunity to experience Yellowstone during the winter season in a manner that minimizes the impact upon the great national treasure.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1500 **Comment Id:** 128494 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I support implementing the current temporary plan as the permanent one with minor revisions. This is an achievable goal and hopefully one that would not result in another huge round of litigation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 883 **Comment Id:** 127579 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The winter use proposal, as proposed by the Plow Yellowstone Park.org group makes a great deal of sense. It should be incorporated into the present winter use and snow mobile numbers plan presently allowed into the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127789 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do not believe that imposing regulations on the number of snowmobiles that go through the park is an all bad idea, but be realistic.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1174 **Comment Id:** 126340 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In closing I would like your support to keep things as they are currently.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126637 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think the present combination of allowing both is a good plan, again, the critical element being the limit on how many snowmobiles can come in. Others have advocated plowing the roads from West to OF and even Mammoth to OF. In a snow year such as 2009-2010, this would not appear to be a big problem. However, during "normal" snow years, I can't begin to imagine the difficulty in keeping the roads plowed, not to mention the accidents that private vehicles would encounter. Also, this would drastically increase budgetary constraints, as the NPS would need to staff facilities year round, and also provide constant road patrols. The park seems hard pressed to even meet

the current demands placed on it; I can't imagine how such a huge budget increase could be obtained given the horrendous federal budget deficits that are forecast for the foreseeable future. Finally, there is something to be said for allowing the park a few weeks early in the winter and between winter and spring to simply "REST!" It is refreshing to know that after the winter season closes, and public access stops for a month, that animals such as grizzly bears can actually feed in the geyser basins without the constant passing by of visitors and employees. If someone wants to visit Yellowstone in a very quiet time of year, there are ample opportunities to do this in late fall and early spring.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1040 **Comment Id:** 126298 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The present plan of 316 environmentally sound snowmobiles per day, entering the park with guides, is the maximum that should be allowed. The use of snow coaches should be encouraged as an environmentally sensitive way for park visitors to experience that resource.

Organization:

Commenter: Warren Murphy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 134 **Comment Id:** 129261 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see the number of snowmobiles (318) and snow coaches not exceed the currently allowed amount. As there are few days each season that reach that amount, more is not necessary, and more would have a greater effect on air quality, sound, visit quality and on wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 259 **Comment Id:** 127548 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In order for that to occur, there can not be an increase in the number of cars, snowmobiles and snowcoaches in the Park. The uniqueness of the winter experience relies heavily on the limited amount of traffic in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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**AL5005 Alternatives: Keep the park open to OSV use (either snowmobiles or snowcoaches)
(Non-Substantive)**

Correspondence Id: 1309 **Comment Id:** 128640 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobilers that so choose to enter our National Parks, are more than willing to abide by "Common sense" rules and regulations put in place to protection of our National Parks resources but are adamantly against unfair, and excessive regulations which I believe are Brought on by people who hate our sport! They would love to exclude Snowmobiling from all national Parks all together!!! This would be unacceptable! Our National Parks are for all to enjoy! Thank You Michael Townsend

Organization: Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 194 **Comment Id:** 129216 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Continue to maintain access into the park via over snow vehicles including snowmobiles. I have entered the park via coaches and snowmobile. I have found coaches to be noisier outside than snowmobiles who simply purr their way through the park, not needing the huge track mechanism that coaches require to motivate through the park. I have visited the park in all seasons and am confused about the allegations of noise and pollution in the park during the winter. There is no comparison between a 4 stroke snowmobile and a roaring Harley Davidson or the rumble and belching of smoke from an accelerating diesel pick-up. Keep Yellowstone National Park open during the winter!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1448 **Comment Id:** 128969 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please continue Snowmobile use in Yellowstone Park. The Park should be available to all Americans.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1448 **Comment Id:** 128972 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge you to keep Yellowstone open to Snowmobiles. Snowmobilers are good for the economy and keep many Yellowstone businesses alive in the Winter.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 289 **Comment Id:** 127639 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I strongly support having Yellowstone open in the winter so that we can experience the natural beauty of winter in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 277 **Comment Id:** 127400 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like to see snowcoaches for transporting visitors and allowing them to explore such a wonderful wilderness in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1326 **Comment Id:** 127696 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I have been involved in snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, and boating my entire life. It would be a shame to have the beautiful and splendid scenery taken away from those who love to enjoy them on something other than an automobile.

Organization:

Commenter: nate a king **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 262 **Comment Id:** 127538 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My comments would be to keep the snowmobile trips alive and well in the park. As we passed some other snowmobiles in the park, we did not think there were too many. If anything the

snow coaches were a bigger problem. They tore up the road more & were very noisy.

Organization:

Commenter: Jonathan Wetmore **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 255 **Comment Id:** 126825 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please keep the park open in the winter. It is important to keep our parks open.

Organization:

Commenter: Sharon G Willia,s **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 355 **Comment Id:** 126620 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Regulations are for the preservation and well being of the park. What is not understood is taking away an appropriate winter opportunity for our future visitors and children to enjoy and view the beauty of Yellowstone National Park. Our future children should have the opportunity to view Yellowstone National Park in whatever way they choose. Let them experience it on snowmobile. The choice is simple. There is on other suitable setting than to view the beauty of Yellowstone National Park than by snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 129390 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe the 'Winter' EIS should include a responsible plan to allow winter motorized enjoyment of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Sara Adlington **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 271 **Comment Id:** 127472 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Oversnow vehicle (OSV) use in the Park in winter has been done for years, and should not be interrupted. There should also be snowmobile use allowed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 13 **Comment Id:** 127718 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Motorized over-the-snow machines should be allowed FOREVER in Yellowstone Park. For the majority of the people, it is the only way to see the park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 5 **Comment Id:** 126969 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and snowcoaches do have a place in Yellowstone in winter. It is an awe inspiring thing to be able to see Yellowstone in winter and it is a travesty to deny the modern public access to the park, especially considering the state of America's people and its connection with wild America or lack there of.

Organization:

Commenter: Kristina M Daling **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 5 **Comment Id:** 126970 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Anti snowmobile groups continue to quote outdated studies to fire up the American sentiment against snowmobiles. I have seen the recent studies from all the recent EIS statements and see no reason to ban snowmobiles while keeping snowcoaches. According to everything I have seen, snowcoaches are just as if not more damaging on all levels. They disturb wildlife just as much, sometimes even more so, than snowmobiles. They are as noisy and often noisier than snowmobiles. I am even more so angry at the lack of BAT technology requirements for snowcoaches, especially noise levels. Snowcoaches will never quiet themselves down without requirements. And lastly, even though these are modern vehicles, they are forced to work beyond the manufacturers initial intent. They are therefore much more polluting than their wheeled counterparts, and no better than snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kristina M Daling **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 130 **Comment Id:** 129521 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am in strong disagreement that modern technology 4-stroke snowmobile use should be eliminated as a means for winter access to Yellowstone Park. One of the most fun and memorable outings our family (my wife and I and our 3 kids) ever had was the day we snowmobiled into the Park from West to Old Faithful. We were on "clean and quiet" 4 stroke snowmobiles (which obviously had plenty of power since we were "on-road" and 35 mph or below the whole way). The ability to be "independent", "outside", and "as a family" on snowmobiles (as opposed to dependent, inside, and with a group in a snow coach) made the day particularly fun and memorable. I wouldn't do the trip in a snow coach unless I had a big group with really young or old family members.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 130 **Comment Id:** 129526 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge the National Park Service to establish permanent policy that provides balanced and reasonable winter access to Yellowstone utilizing both snow coach and modern technology 4 stroke snowmobiles and to eliminate the guide requirement.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1309 **Comment Id:** 128638 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Hi I'll keep this short as possible. Please do not continue to apply more and more restrictions to the use of snowmobiles within Yellowstone National!

Organization: Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1309 **Comment Id:** 128639 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: This National Park as well as all National Parks are for the enjoyment of all who care to visit no matter what time of year they so choose! The mass number of Snowmobilers (No matter how demonized) are Eco conscience and want to continue to enjoy the National Parks.

Organization: Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 796 **Comment Id:** 127173 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a snowmobiler and there is no better place than the rocky mountains to ride. I see things everytime i go out with my family and wonder privately "how many people will never see this view" that i can see because i got there in the winter, on a sled. i actually took my father, grandpa, and my two 8 year old sons to west last feb to get into the park expecting it to be closed shortly due to the extreme liberal rule we are under as a country right now. I wanted them to see the park like i did years earlier before it closed for good to sledders. The first time i went, i rode from Togwotee village into the park on my own sled, you cant do that anymore. you used to be able to ride the continental divide trail to the pass in RMNP. It was one of my father's favorite rides. hardly anyone did it because it was not widely publicized. Clinton shut that down. keep the park open or lets shut the whole country down to motorized vehicles and walk everywhere again or ride horses.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 325 **Comment Id:** 126457 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have heard may ideas of why should happen from plowing the road to Old Faithful and renting machines through out the rest of the park, although it sounds good there are too many hazards for that, Only snow coaches another bad idea you would be in a traffic jam most of the time your in the park and you have to say on how much time you get to spend where. The green machines only with a guide is the same thing but you do get the lead and are still on their time needs, I feel the best alternative is to open it up personal machines even if you have to keep a limit on them (to be worked out) slowcoaches which would still be popular for skiers and comfort riders.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Slevin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1227 **Comment Id:** 126377 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Banning snowmobiles in the winter is the same as banning any person that is disabled or handicapped. Even if it went to only propane snowcoaches it would still be a denial of privedlidges if any disabled person. I would see this as a direct act to hinder the mobility of a handicapped person or the discrimination of disabled veterans!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1225 **Comment Id:** 126363 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please do not close our park to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1224 **Comment Id:** 126358 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Keep the Park open in the winter to snowmobiles. The hordes of tourist in the summer have got to have more impact. Thanks

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1219 **Comment Id:** 126369 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe snowmobiles and winter access in general of all types should continue to be allowed into Yellowstone National Park. There are many supporting reason why such winter access should not only continue but in fact be increased, I want to point out two simple facts that have evolved since this debate began more than 10-years ago.

Organization: OSM

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1206 **Comment Id:** 126338 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am writing this in order to make sure snowmobiling is NOT banned from Yellowstone National Park. With today's snowmobile technology (four-strokes), and guides in the park, there are very minimal affects of snowmobiling in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1203 **Comment Id:** 129242 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The impact of snowmobilers is no greater, if not less, than that of summer visitors. Excluding one group of individuals based on archaic biases is no different than an exclusion of a group based on skin color, ethnicity or gender. If the stewards of Yellowstone see it fit to review the impact of snowmobiles I feel that they should also take just as in-depth looks at the environmental and wildlife impact of summer visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Cory Feil **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1083 **Comment Id:** 127804 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that snowmobiles should be open to all people in the park even if they ride their own snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1073 **Comment Id:** 126328 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I do not ride in this area but closing it will start other area closures which will be in my area. I see no reason to close these areas, maybe if you people would try our sport you would see for yourselves.

Organization:

Commenter: Chad r Mcgowan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127791 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I guess what I am getting at is it would be nice if there was a realistic approach to all of this. Yes there needs to be rules and regulations. But to shut it all off would be awful.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1005 **Comment Id:** 127752 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Yellowstone park was great to ride with snowmobile. Please keep this place open for a guy who are fan of her sports. This place are really fabulous and he very attractive. Its great for the tourist and snowmobiler around the world.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1004 **Comment Id:** 127751 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that skidooing in yellow stone should be aloud I live in Sudbury it's in Canada we have alsome winters here but over the last few years we haven't had what we can call a winter here we don't even have mountains here but we had to drive mountain skidoos here and now you can go anywere on a short track race or trail skidoo a lot of my friends take trips with me to go to the mountains I have never been to yellow stone but it's on owed list I agree with what slednecks sead a park is for people to enjoy not to just sit there and be called a park that you can't do anything in it would be pointless I think but keep on sleden

Organization:

Commenter: Paul G Butt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1003 **Comment Id:** 127749 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I STRONGLY believe that snowmobiling should remain open in Yellowstone National Park. They(best tech available snowmobiles) make much less noise and pollution than all the traffic of POV's and commercial vehicles allowed in the park from spring to fall. They have much less affect on the wildlife than these other ways of visiting the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1002 **Comment Id:** 127748 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This comment is about shutting down Yellowstone to snowmobiles. I think this would be a great loss because many people would never see how beautiful the mountains are in winter. Nature was put here so we can enjoy it. The technology of the modern sleds is geared toward environment safe riding. Not only people need to be able to get away from the every day stress of life and no better way than a ride in the mountains to bring back your sanity. Sleds are used in many ways , scenic rides ,emergency operations, tours, sleds even give the handicapped to experience nature so

don't take this away from us. I'm an avid snowmobiler from wis. club member, and travel out west to enjoy the big country, so

Organization:

Commenter: Brian D Beidatsch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1199 **Comment Id:** 126334 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We would go into the park by snowmobile about 5-6 times each winter---but no more--thanks to rules that make no sense and are robbing lots of citizens of an unbelievable experience. It appears the purpose is to keep us out all the time--with snowmobiling being step one.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1198 **Comment Id:** 126527 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am hoping that the national park service does not take away my dream of snowmobiling in Yellowstone, and some day my children, and even grand children can enjoy Yellowstone from a snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: RICK J SOUTHWOOD **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1195 **Comment Id:** 126551 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please keep the park open to snowmobilers

Organization:

Commenter: John w Summers **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1189 **Comment Id:** 126555 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please look at the big picture here and use common sense people. I support snowmobile use in Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Jim Bartsch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1188 **Comment Id:** 126403 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: KEEP YELLOWSTONE OPEN TO RECREATIONAL RIDERS!

Organization:

Commenter: Cody N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1187 **Comment Id:** 126553 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I think its a crime to close yellowstone for snowmobiling. I go there once a year with my family and we always look forward to it and have the time of our lives going to this great place.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1070 **Comment Id:** 127782 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep our Park open to snowmobiles for our families and friends. It's part of our way of life, and we treasure and care for the Park like it is our own, and it is.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1062 **Comment Id:** 126316 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please do not close Yellowstone National Park to snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Cheryl Link **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1001 **Comment Id:** 127747 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am contacting you in regards to winter use in Yellowstone National Park. I am an avid snowmobiler, I put on thousands of miles a year with my family and friends and enjoy the sport more then people know. I have visited Yellowstone in the winter and love the beauty of it while riding down the trails on my sled. It is something my kids should have the opportunity to do and my grand kids should have the opportunity to do. Locking people out of areas such as Yellowstone are any more wilderness is unnecessary. Why make it so a handful of people can enjoy it when you can make it so thousands can enjoy it? This seems to always amaze me why this would be done. Please keep Yellowstone open to sleds so families and friends can enjoy it for decades and decades to come.

Organization: Slednecks

Commenter: Drew B Bassett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1000 **Comment Id:** 128164 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Closing the park would force me (and many other tourists) to spend any money at a venue outside the USA.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1178 **Comment Id:** 128109 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please have some common sense and let us enjoy OUR park, after all we the people are the ones that are paying for it. Don't be like the Democrats in congress and just ignore their constituents, please listen to us and let us enjoy this great park!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1177 **Comment Id:** 128102 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Keep Yellowstone open to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1177 **Comment Id:** 128105 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: By your own studies, the animals are not frightened.....so....keep the Yellowstone roads open to snowmobiling

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1176 **Comment Id:** 128101 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize the impact. Guides and regulations ensure compliance with all Park Service rules, just like in Canyonlands and Lake Powell. The Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and Slednecks fight to protect snowmobiling in Yellowstone because it's the right thing to do!

Organization:

Commenter: SHAWN D NELSON **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1173 **Comment Id:** 128100 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Stop kicking us off our lands, the Government has become far to intrusive in our daily lives. Don't forget you don't know better than me, but you do work for me. And I for one do keep track.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 993 **Comment Id:** 128157 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: snowmobiling is a great sport that allows people to enjoy natures winter beauty and spend quality time with friends, family and the great out doors. new snowmobiles are of the utmost quality and meet all required EPA regulations. snowmobiling in yellowstone is a great thing, please don't take away the opportunity to visit this great park while enjoying our favorite sport.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 992 **Comment Id:** 128156 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I vacation every year to Togwotee Mountain Lodge in WY, I have visited Yellowstone via snowmobile tour many times. It is not a harm to allow the snowmobiles to run on the roads. Why does it have to be snowmobiles that are considered an environmental impact when cars and vans etc. cause as much impact as snowmobiles riding on the roads made for cars.

Organization: Simmons Elevator Co.

Commenter: JoAnn B Zelker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 368 **Comment Id:** 126650 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I understand from reviewing the paper, that the permit for snowcoaches and snowmobile use of the park is suspended after the 2010/2011 winter. Discounting these programs will be a shame and disrupt, in my view, the best way to see the park. The limited park visitors that come in winter provided our snowmobile tour group the opportunity to observe the animals in a winter environment and experience when we stopped, the quietness of the area as well as the beauty that comes from thermals and winter together. I would resent the park department selecting either the snowcoaches or the snowmobiles for elimination. I do not see that either creates a harmful environment in the park. They each represent very different means of travel and interfacing, yet can provide individuals and families similar experiences to view the park in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 368 **Comment Id:** 126651 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Based on conversations with friends who were in Yellowstone many years ago during winter, when unlimited private snowmobiles could travel around, the current system, while seemingly a little restrictive in trying to get available snowmobile slots to match up with travel opportunities, brings a much improved order and security to the area, and I would suggest that it continue to be governed in a similar fashion. A few more slots might also be added without harming the park in my view. I would love to be able to return in several years with other family members and take another 'lap' around the park on a snowmobile, and I sincerely hope my note, and that of many others, will allow me to again experience a winter wonderland. Thanks for providing me the opportunity to comment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126636 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some advocate banning snowmobiles and only allowing snowcoaches. I do not follow that logic. There is nothing magical about snowcoaches. They are big and are noisier than the BAT snowmobiles. I think the present combination of allowing both is a good plan, again, the critical element being the limit on how many snowmobiles can come in.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 278 **Comment Id:** 127357 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I want tough rules and regulations to govern snowmobile and motorcoach activities in the park in order to preserve what the park has to offer. But, you can do that and still allow for winter use in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 166 **Comment Id:** 128795 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I believe that snowmobiles should be allowed in Yellowstone just like automobiles , pick up trucks, motorhomes, motorcycles etc. are the rest of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 166 **Comment Id:** 128797 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please keep our public parks public! Don't allow those that would lock up our greatest treasures from the tax paying public who make this park possible!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1164 **Comment Id:** 128089 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: First I would like to say that when I read that I may not be able to enjoy Yellowstone next winter with my snowmobile I am very upset. I agree that there needs to be strict regulations. Like four stroke motors only because of low emissions and they are so much quieter thus not disturbing the environment more. I would like to plead with you. As a Christian. God gave all of us Yellowstone. We will be responsible, hold ourselves to a higher standard, give the right-away to every other patron to the parks. Snowmobilers are 99% respectful of the land and environment. In fact most snowmobilers have some sort of involvement in environmental protection or donate to the parks fees.

Organization:

Commenter: Trenton L Von Holten **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1164 **Comment Id:** 128090 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If it is extra cost for the park. Make it the burden of ours to clean, repair, etc. Whatever you do. Don't take motorized sporting out of Yellowstone. We are already giving up enough of our freedoms as of lately. Give me the chance to come and let all the problems of my life slip away while I sled through Yellowstone and enjoy all it has to show me.

Organization:

Commenter: Trenton L Von Holten **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1163 **Comment Id:** 128088 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The management of the park needs to be based on balance, and I feel that current proposals do not provide that. Please consider how all uses of the park impact wildlife and habitat instead of having tunnel vision by restricting only snowmobiling. A more broad ranging view needs to be adopted when finalizing any future management plan.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1153 **Comment Id:** 128043 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I hope the choice is to not ban snowmobiles from Yellowstone, but rather find a way to share it. Banning is not sharing.

Organization:

Commenter: Tyler N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1153 **Comment Id:** 128044 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had great times at Yellowstone in the past and have met some great, responsible snowmobilers from the area. I would like to come back and one day share the experience with my children.

Organization:

Commenter: Tyler N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1151 **Comment Id:** 128037 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles should not be banned from Yellowstone NP. I have visited YNP before and plan on returning. It would be short-sited to prohibit an activity deemed inappropriate by special interest groups. Science doesn't support closure. Logic doesn't support closure. Keep the park open.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1150 **Comment Id:** 128034 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I been riding snowmobiles for fifteen years and have been to Yellowstone Park three times and think it is the most beautiful place in the world to see in the winter time in all of it's snow white glory. I find it hard to believe that they are going to try to close the park to people who respect the land more than anybody else that see's the park at any time of year. I would really like to be able to take my children to see the park in all of the seasons that the park has to offer.

Organization: bucks lake snowdrifters

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1059 **Comment Id:** 126315 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Once again this makes no sense and is a waste of time. When will people understand and realize that we are all different in so many ways, so many walks of life. We will never agree 100% on anything, so we need to live and let live. And as far as the debate goes "it goes nowhere" I have lived in UT and ID my whole life and enjoyed W.Yellowstone many times in the summer and winter.

And believe me if you spend anytime in the summer their you will agree that the people need to focus on the summer activities. Here is just a few things I noticed this last summer. The tour buses, R.V's, cars WOW talk about pollution, every camp ground was full and I mean full. The ground which starts out after the thaw as green wild grasses and vegetation soon turns to a hard compact dirt from thousands of people trampling upon it. Any person who would spend 1 week in the summer and 1 week in the winter with an open mind would fully understand and agree with Snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: randy sugihara **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1057 **Comment Id:** 127768 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please that a real look at this and make reasonable and balanced plans and support the historic use of snowmobiles in yellowstone park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1055 **Comment Id:** 126319 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I do not agree with the closing of Yellowstone National Park to Snowmobilers. The park service is constantly trying to do this over the years, and it's not fair to those that want to visit our park system in the winter time. I am one of the fortunate one's that use to live in Island Park, ID only 20 miles from the park and was able to visit this lovely park in the winter on my snowmachine. It is a beauty that everyone should see and it is quit different than the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard J Zimmerman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 862 **Comment Id:** 127508 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone National Park OPEN to snowmobile use at current or greater levels of use. Snowmobiles have been getting much quieter and cleaner for many years already. There is simply no scientific reason to restrict there use. Thank You. Randall Buss

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1146 **Comment Id:** 128027 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am an avid snowmobiler who believes that our Nat'l Parks are to be enjoyed by everyone in both the winter and the summer. I am in favor of allowing snowmobiling in YNP. Once the snow has melted each season, there is no trace that a snowmobile was ever there. Please allow the snowmobiling to continue.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 853 **Comment Id:** 127470 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been to Yellowstone only once and I had a great experience. I was able to visit many areas of the Park by snowmobile; the places where I was able to get were breathtaking. I am writing because I am aware of some environmentally friendly groups that will like to ban the use of snowmobiles in the park. I would like to use this letter as a formal way of opposing to that idea.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 360 **Comment Id:** 126630 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While I don't have a snowmobile or ever use one, I'm not totally against the new quieter ones that are limited in their accessibility. Until you ban cars in the summer, I think it is a hard argument to totally ban all snowmobiles in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 24 **Comment Id:** 127743 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: As an avid fan of winter recreation in both motorized and non-motorized form, and as a frequent visitor to the park, I would like to state my support of continued snowmobile access to the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 24 **Comment Id:** 127746 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Please support continued snowmobile access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1383 **Comment Id:** 127204 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: People have been snowmobiling through Yellowstone for years now without any adverse problems.

Organization: Elks Lodge

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1047 **Comment Id:** 126283 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Being someone who was born and raised here in SE Idaho I have had countless opportunities to visit Yellowstone Park during all seasons of the year. It is one of the joys of living here. I would like to add my voice to those requesting that diverse access to the park remains. Please allow winter access via personal snowmobiles. This has been and should remain an integral part of winter recreation in Yellowstone.

Organization: SnoWest

Commenter: Jack V Handly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 951 **Comment Id:** 127557 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Availability and Affordability would suggest major consideration for wheeled vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 852 **Comment Id:** 127468 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Sirs, My opinion is to let the park be open totally to snow mobiles and any other traffic that wants to use the Park for their enjoyment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 358 **Comment Id:** 126625 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Why is our first ? the world's first ? national park of a democratic nation set aside only for the few, the wealthy, in one of the park's most beautiful moods? This becomes especially nonsensical when one considers that the National Park Service already keeps roads open in the park year round with the road through the Lamar Valley. If there is a compelling reason to single out this park for closure for the winter, then close it; for those reason are true for everyone throughout the park. If the park is to remain open, then open it to every citizen, to every visitor equally, and let everyone understand its beauty in all seasons and how it became the basis for national parks everyone on this planet. This becomes especially nonsensical when one considers that the National Park Service already keeps roads open in the park year round with the road through the Lamar Valley. If there is a compelling reason to single out this park for closure for the winter, then close it; for those reason are true for everyone throughout the park. If the park is to remain open, then open it to every citizen, to every visitor equally, and let everyone understand its beauty in all seasons and how it became the basis for national parks everyone on this planet. This becomes especially nonsensical when one considers that the National Park Service already keeps roads open in the park year round with the road through the Lamar Valley. If there is a compelling reason to single out this park for closure for the winter, then close it; for those reason are true for everyone throughout the park. If the park is to remain open, then open it to every citizen, to every visitor equally, and let everyone understand its beauty in all seasons and how it became the basis for national parks everyone on this planet.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 851 **Comment Id:** 127466 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I support our local snowmobile and snowcoach operators, the unique experience of snowcoaches and snowmobile excursions can continue to be provided and accessible through staging areas at Old Faithful and Norris, accessing Canyon and Lake to West Thumb and Jackson (south). The numbers allowed for these concessionaires would be determined by 'Park science'. And it would be an available OPTION, not the only choice, by which to visit and experience Yellowstone Park from the West entrance. The lack of access to all visitors, the uncertainty of accessibility due to constant litigation and varied judicial rulings must end.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 840 **Comment Id:** 127399 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please consider allowing the use of snowmobiles in public parks , such as yellowstone. These public parks should remain accessible to all citizens foreign and domestic. Places like this are enjoyed by many and restricting the use to only the summer months is not doing the park an injustice by not allowing people to see it's beauty in white. I would like to go on record for allowing use of winter vehicles in national parks be privileged to all who come to it's gates. Allowing the max number of units in is critical to its legacy. Snowmobilers pay fees to ride the trails and are funded by the people who love this sport. So please allow access to all parks that are accessible to winter sports. Thank you for your time and please consider my request. Thank you.

Organization: awsc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 141 **Comment Id:** 127585 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I do not agree that it should be limited to snow coaches but should be opened to snowmobile traffic on groomed roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1144 **Comment Id:** 128022 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If your going to limit snow mobiles then you also need to limit car, motorcycles, trucks, all the new models burn clean are quiet and don't smell, no different than the other vehicles you now let in, I'm tired of getting a bad rap, and I pay taxes to keep yellowstone open and you employed and I should be able to enjoy it on a sled in the winter

Organization:

Commenter: jeff s donner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1143 **Comment Id:** 128020 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I also understand that there should be a limit to the number of snowmobiles into a

great place like yellowstone, I myself find it to be a fantastic place in the winter time and it should be a place that the people can visit any time of the year. There are a lot of people who's income depend on the park being open year round. And I am truly here to tell you from first hand experience the animals are not alarmed with snowmobiles. thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1137 **Comment Id:** 127983 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to comment on the issue of Snowmobiles in the Yellowstone Park. This issue has been going on for to long and needs to be resolved. I feel that the Snowmobile industry has made huge steps to accommodate the Park with the introduction of the 4 stroke snowmobile. The park to me has always been a wonderful place and I have always wanted to go back but due to the hassle with the restrictions it has kept me away. I don't want the government to be able to take away my right to ride where we want and when. If they do it at the park where will they go next. The park is wonderful place to go and enjoy the beauty of nature when it is covered with snow which is the best part of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1137 **Comment Id:** 127984 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If you think that a snowmobile is louder or more pollutant then the Diesel vans and buses you will be replacing it with think again. These vehicles will disturb the natural atmosphere of the park more then 500 sleds in a day. Plus think about how many people will not go to the park that would have went if they could be on a sled. I would ask that you give me a chance to take my children to the park on a sled so they can enjoy the beauty of the park in my favorite season

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1042 **Comment Id:** 126293 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is un-constitutional to lock up this "public" land and not allow all of the public to enjoy it. The only feasible way to see Yellowstone Park in the winter months is by snowmobile. It is not "right" to keep us out of the area. I have never ridden snowmobile in Yellowstone Park, I am an avid snowmobiler and at one time wanted to ride through the park. Due to the current rules and

regulations it is not financially feasible for me to do so.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A Freeman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 839 **Comment Id:** 127396 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: i believe that yellowstone national park (ynp) should be as open to motorized transportation, including snowmobiles, in the winter as motorized transportation is open to ynp in the warm weather months. there are no more detrimental effects on the park from snowmobiles as there are from summer vehicles which include diesel buses, diesel motorhomes, diesel trucks, gas powered cars and motorcycles.

Organization: blue ribbon coalition

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Correspondence Id: 839 **Comment Id:** 127397 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: the areas that are open to summer visitors should be open to winter visitors too. there are no good reasons why winter visitors should be restricted as they are when compared to summer visitors. what is fair for one group is only fair for the other group. i am all for preserving the park but let's be fair about it.

Organization: blue ribbon coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1142 **Comment Id:** 128015 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel that the closure of Yellowstone Park to the use of snowmobiles would be a shame. This is a national treasure that should be enjoyed all year long. I urge you to not impose any additional restrictions on winter use of the park.

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Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1141 **Comment Id:** 127999 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The animals wander in and out of the park boundaries through out the spring summer and fall. I believe the winter use of snowmobiles for viewing the park is consistent with the intended use when the National Park system was first established. Therefore I ask you to open the park up to those of us who enjoy snowmobiling.

Organization: WSA

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Correspondence Id: 1141 **Comment Id:** 128001 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: So I ask again that you allow those of us who for what ever reason cannot view the park in the summer time to be able to view it in the winter with out being impeded by rules that do not apply to summertime visitors

Organization: WSA

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Correspondence Id: 1136 **Comment Id:** 127974 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hello I would like to say a few things to address the panel about the use of the park for winter activities. I would like you to consider those of us that use the park respectfully for our winter vacations. We have enjoyed the park for winter snowmobiling on multiple occasions and could not imagine not being able to return to see the beautiful sites and wonders of the park. If the park gets closed for us to use in this way it will take so much more to reopen it for these winter trips. Some day i would like to take my grand children to see these wonders covered with snow and ice. I do understand the balance of use of the park with the animals, but what is the since of having such a beautiful place if it cannot be seen by us, the taxpayers and owners of the park. Suppose the park could be seen by other means, such as cross country skiing or hiking but i would find it difficult to cover the area by those means as apposed to a four stroke snowmobile that releases very little emissions and low noise levels, as well as being guided by licensed guides to keep us silly folks from riding all over the fields and hills out there that are so tempting when covered by a beautiful white blanket. I would beg you to consider this when making your decisions on what to allow all of your fellow citizens that may not have made it to the park in the winter yet to see it in all its glory.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1557 **Comment Id:** 129124 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: I write this letter on behalf of Fremont County Parks and

recreation asking for your consideration: To continue including BAT and, in designated areas, non-BAT snowmobiles as part of the "over snow vehicles" being considered as part of the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan/EIS.

Organization: Fremont County Parks and Recreation

Commenter: Tamra Cikaitoga **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1557 **Comment Id:** 129126 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To continue at current, or increase use levels, non-BAT snowmobiles from the Grassy Lake Reservoir to Flagg Ranch. The Flagg Ranch Trail, by way of Fremont County, continues to be a popular destination site for both day use and those riders seeking overnight accommodations. The trail is groomed on a weekly basis by Fremont County at no cost to the State of Wyoming or NPS. Due to the distance it is necessary, in most cases, for snowmobilers and the trail grooming equipment coming from Idaho, to refuel at Flagg Ranch. It would be difficult to continue access to the popular Grassy Lakes Reservoir or Jack Ass Loop sites without the opportunity to refuel. Safety for riders would also come into questions without access to the facilities at Flagg Ranch. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Organization: Fremont County Parks and Recreation

Commenter: Tamra Cikaitoga **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129432 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The purpose of this letter is to express my support of continued use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129463 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Ms. Lewis, The purpose of this letter is to express my support of continued use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. Today's snowmobiles are cleaner and quieter than in years past and promise to become even more environmentally friendly. There is no negative impact to the environment. I live in far northern Wisconsin in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and have been snowmobiling here for more than 40 years. There have been no negative impacts to the forest ecosystem because of snowmobiling. The same is true for Yellowstone. The season is short, the number of snowmobilers is minimal, and the adverse affects are non-existent.

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1453 **Comment Id:** 128173 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I'm writing this letter of protest to any additional closures of snowmobile access in that area. The economy in that area is already hurting due to increased regulation in recreational snowmobiling. Further regulation will only force snowmobilers to go elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: John Aberasturi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1408 **Comment Id:** 127230 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We do not even sled close to Yellowstone or West yellowstone because of Park closures regarding sleds. I and others have left the town of West to become non existent because we cannot sled the Park. We didn't even attend expo this year. We have no reason because the park is closed to us on snowmobile.....and we it is too expensive to hire guides. I am against shutting down the snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park!!!!!!

Organization: Fugowee snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 89 **Comment Id:** 129464 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: So please continue to allow snowmobiling in Yellowstone so one day, my wife and I could enjoy one of our ultimate vacations.

Organization:

Commenter: Ben C Pischke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 678 **Comment Id:** 126847 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: recall the rules of obeying the speed limit, no riding off of the groomed trails, and no harassing the wildlife - these were all enforced by rangers on snowmobiles. I suggest a little common sense to this issue and allow the nation to experience the winter wonders as I did growing up

Organization:

Commenter: Doug L Kinniburgh **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1441 **Comment Id:** 128898 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: These lands our public lands and all tax paying citizens should be able to ride through magnificent structures of land that God has created.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128968 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The winter is the best time to visit Yellowstone and with these changes it will be even better in the future. It is also important for the economic health of West Yellowstone and the surrounding area. Let's keep the snowmobile a vibrant part of the fabric of Yellowstone now and forever.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1586 **Comment Id:** 129591 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The previous management plan took a reasonable approach to snowmobiling, although subsequent analysis indicates daily limits were too low. We feel that the park should be a Multiple Use Park with winter use to include Snowmobiling; Snow Coach; Cross Country Skiing; and or Snowshoeing. We have had the opportunity to provide visitors overnight snowmobile tours into Yellowstone for the past 10 years; a special experience visitors can only enjoy in the winter. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a delightful, unique and valuable experience. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization:

Commenter: Philip J Frankovic **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1436 **Comment Id:** 128962 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel you should let the snowmobilers into the park..DO NOT CLOSE us out..Please!!! I have not made it to Yellowstone yet to snowmobile and I would love to get the time to do it, but not yet and I would love to be able to take my grandchildren there also...in the winter and on a snowmobile! Please do not take this away from people that love the winter and use a snowmobile to get around. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter...I know you will make the right decision and keep Yellowstone open to everyone and let them enjoy it the way they want!!

Organization: SAWS

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129601 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is my goal that at the end of this current EIS process we come to a long-term solution for winter use management in Yellowstone that ensures consistent and affordable public access to what is truly one of the nation's most spectacular places. With that in goal in mind, I offer the following scoping comments:

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1583 **Comment Id:** 129801 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Continued winter access to Yellowstone National Park by snowmobile is extremely important for the American public. I believe the snowmobile plays an integral part of public access and enjoyment of the Park. As a partner with Yellowstone National Park, it is my responsibility to operate under the authorized procedures and conditions. It is also my responsibility to provide a safe, educational and pleasurable experience. I am committed to fulfilling that responsibility.

Organization: Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha

Commenter: F. W Howell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1072 **Comment Id:** 126329 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have been going to West Yellowstone for 14 years solid. I have seen the amount of sleds let in over the years decrease. It saddens me that the government encourages people to get out and take a vacation with their families then to shut down the most beautiful places in America. The amount of cars and tour busses that go through the park in the summer is way more than the sleds that go through in the winter time. I am in no way saying shut the park down in the summer. But i am saying keep the fun beautiful places open for our childrens children to see.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1517 **Comment Id:** 128306 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The need in this plan, as I see it, is above all else to provide winter access that does not result in more uncertainty. I understand that some of my fellow concessionaires submitted a scoping letter expressing their hope that the Park Service will ultimately authorize snowmobile use levels higher than the current interim limits. I respect that this is their view. However, I feel it is important that you understand that advocating for an arbitrary number or alternative is not the consensus position of all of West Yellowstone's concessionaires. Indeed, I believe that most residents in this community believe it is crucial that at the other end of this planning process we get, at last, a solid, legal, defensible winter use plan -- even if the plan requires us to adapt our businesses further to a new future. Wishing or pushing for a certain outcome that may not be supported by science or law is simply asking for more trouble.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1497 **Comment Id:** 128502 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am Scott Carsley, founder/owner/operator of Yellowstone Alpen Guides a snowcoach concession operating in Yellowstone since 1984. I believe motorized winter visitor access to Yellowstone is important to the long-term well being of the Park. This is the single most effective method of educating the public and garnering support for the issues facing winter Yellowstone. When people visit the Park they develop first hand experience, knowledge and appreciation about the particular season of their visit and often times become park supporters, keen to insure "their park" is protected so their children and grand children can have the same opportunities. Motorized use is necessary due to the large distances involved in traveling around Yellowstone. It is 30 miles from the closest entrance to Old Faithful, 42 miles to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and so forth. These most visited park areas are impractical for the general public to reach by non-motorized means.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott D Carsley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1496 **Comment Id:** 128450 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think the park should be open to all users summer & winter, we have been to old faithful in the winter & loved it we stayed on the trails and our children still talk about it. It would be a

shame to close the park to snow machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1424 **Comment Id:** 128975 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Anymore closures or restrictions on snowmobiles in Yellowstone National park is wrong and I am against it. Snowmobiles have always been allowed in the park and closing or restricting their access any further will be a crushing blow to Yellowstones Heritage.

Organization: BCSF

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Correspondence Id: 1472 **Comment Id:** 128168 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please do not the park be closed for snowmobilers. We do not do any damage to the park and feel we actually benefit the park in many ways.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128911 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Sometimes we have too much of a "fast food" mentality where things should be accessible "right now" and without effort. Some of my greatest memories were those where I had to make careful plans and exert great effort to accomplish the goal. And doing something that not everyone is able to do means a little something extra. If I wish to have a flyfishing outing without seeing as many others on the stream, then I may need to walk a mile further, or hike into YNP several miles to a remote stream or lake. Yet often I may be content to fish easier accessible areas. Going into YNP on a snowmobile or snow coach is a winter use not easily accessible to all, but the memory may be much longer lasting than an auto or truck drive if roads are plowed. I am not an "elitist" by any means, but feel that accomplishing something not easily obtained has value. I have not been into the park on either a coach or snowmobile but would love to in the future. And if I can't afford it, then I wouldn't be able to do it.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1452 **Comment Id:** 128938 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This letter is in response to the potential closing of Americas park (Yellowstone), correct me if I'm wrong but I thought the parks belong to all of us not just those that jump on certain band wagons.

Organization:

Commenter: Kent L Harris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1442 **Comment Id:** 129054 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a very beautiful place to be enjoyed by everyone in every season, why punish the people who visit in the winter? What about the impact of those thousands of vehicles? We would love to see the park stay open for the next generation to enjoy. We feel that if they close the parks in Montana and Wyoming states that we would have no reason to visit these states.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter D Bober **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1416 **Comment Id:** 128401 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I also would like to see Mammoth, Norris, Madison Jct, Old Faithful and Tower to remain open with at least minimal services year-round. I would support the use of snow coach tours from Norris around the east side to Old Faithful and the South Entrance.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1416 **Comment Id:** 128403 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Due to the avalanche risk on the East Entrance, I am in favor of closing the East Entrance to over snow vehicles. Snow coaches and snow machines should still be allowed to travel from Fishing Bridge, to the Lake Overlook on the east side of the lake. Because of the closure to the East Entrance, I am in favor of plowing Colter Pass ,US 212, year-round with the caveat that as much planning and construction of parking and trail heads is performed by the NPS and Gallatin National Forest as will be made to accommodate parking and services at the new trailhead locations at Norris

and Old Faithful.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1652 **Comment Id:** 129946 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am urging you to consider including snowmobilers in your winter use of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Evelyn Johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1410 **Comment Id:** 127241 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It would be a crime not to let snowmobilers enjoy yellowstone park. With the economy the way it is you would put a lot more businesses out of work. It is ridicules to even consider spending tax payer monies to go through with this. But if the ultimate goal is to take away our freedom then close it down to everyone including skiers, snowshoers, hikers and government.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1401 **Comment Id:** 127093 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone park, and all America's parks open to the public. To be able to view it's grandeur by personel snowmobile IN THE WINTERTIME is splendid for all people to experience, and not just by me and my family and friends.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128720 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like to see a proposal that will allow a mixed use of snowmobiles and snowcoaches to enter Yellowstone from the West, East and South gates in the winter. A proposal that is very much like the current temporary rules in place today.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128722 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: One of your primary objectives is to provide the unique winter experience to the winter visitor. I do not know of a better way to accomplish this than with oversnow travel by snowmobile or snowcoach. If we limit access to snowcoach only, then we will limit even further the number of visitors going into Yellowstone. I know this because of when you had to close Yellowstone a little early this spring to snowmobiles thru the West gate due to very warm weather and limited snowpack. The company I work for offers guided snowmobile tours from West Yellowstone and our customers that had made reservations earlier where offered a trip into Yellowstone by snowcoach to replace the snowmobile. the majority said no thanks and went snowmobiling outside of Yellowstone instead. It was the snowmobile experience they wanted. They refused to ride a snowcoach. We found this rather interesting.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1399 **Comment Id:** 127094 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I wish to make a comment to you regarding continued expansion not closing the park to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1335 **Comment Id:** 127683 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: This is to show my support for snowmobile access to the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Roger B Burgstaler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1335 **Comment Id:** 127685 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: With all the advances in the snowmobile engine technology in the last five years. The banning or severely limiting snowmobile access should not even be consideration.

Organization:

Commenter: Roger B Burgstaler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1183 **Comment Id:** 128124 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Access to Yellowstone Park in the winter is a great idea. It allows access to people like me who do not own snow mobiles or have any desire to use one.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1171 **Comment Id:** 128095 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been raised on snowmobiles. I have seen the benefits of them in every aspect. We used to take many winter trips to Yellowstone. I will cherish those for ever. I hope that I can take my kids to Yellowstone and have them experience the same ahh and wonder.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1171 **Comment Id:** 128096 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I cannot say it enough PLEASE Yellowstone open for winter riding on snowmobiles. If you eliminate this option of snowmobiling in Yellowstone. You eliminate thousands of experiences that can change the way people look at wildlife and our last "wild frontier".

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1015 **Comment Id:** 126312 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: . It would be an absolute shame to close the park to snowmobilers and take away from the American Family access to the Parks Beauty. Snowmobilers bring a large financial impact to the local economy and to the Montana State Economy. I was born and raised in Montana and am sad to

say I have been forced to live elsewhere to support my family, But i always dream of coming back permanently. Taking away the Park would be a huge injustice to the American Family and to all Snowmobilers.

Organization: cutbank snowgoers

Commenter: Jeff d kinyon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 999 **Comment Id:** 128163 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think it would be a travesty to see Yellowstone closed to snowmobile traffic. The city of West Yellowstone and others that count on tourism from winter traffic for their livelihood would die. I feel that the National Parks are for our enjoyment and the preservation of our wildlife and wilderness . . . with today's modern technology and advancements in the snowmobile industry the negative effects on wilderness and wildlife are practically non-existent.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 987 **Comment Id:** 128151 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I hope that Yellowstone National Park is kept open for snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128293 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To be fair, I have never been to Yellowstone National Park in the summer time, however I have heard stories on how crowded the park is in the summer time. I have been in the park 10 times in the winter time, the last time in the 2004 - 2005 season. I really enjoy the beauty of the park in the winter time, although as I have stated earlier, I have never been to Yellowstone National Park in the summer time. I would love to bring my wife and two daughters out on a snowmobile trip to see the park and other sites in the area.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1521 **Comment Id:** 128299 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If snowmobile access is closed, I'll feel as if my right to breathe air has been taken away. It may sound extreme but a decision to ban snowmobiles will only create more problems and limit the way we access the park to see nature's beauty. Snowmobiles have no negative effect on the park. PLEASE don't take away my air.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1507 **Comment Id:** 128442 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Allowing only a limited number and only a certain kind of vehicle into the park is ridiculous. Keep the park open to everyone! Snowmobiling is the best way to experience the park in the Winter and Spring.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127251 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing to let you know my comments on snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. I know it has been an ongoing battle for years now, and don't know that it will have an end anytime soon. I just want you to know that I support snowmobiling in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127253 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In the winter of 2004-2005, I was a guide for a snowmobile touring company based out of West Yellowstone, MT. I took clients in to the park on snowmobile and shared my knowledge of the parks features with clients. Many had been to Yellowstone before, but not on a snowmobile. I don't recall ever having a client that did not enjoy the experience immensely. In fact, the overwhelming majority said that it was a much better experience going in on snowmobiles, than it was to see the park by car in the summer or other time of year. Most commented on how great it was to get that close up to the animals and not have them even care that we were in their vicinity. They also commented on how great it was to have so few other people around to compete with to look at scenery and take photos. I like to think that I added to the enjoyment by sharing what I knew about the park. I would also tell you that many of my clients said that exploring Yellowstone by snowmobile is the only way that they

would see it in the future. It has that great of an impact on them.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1485 **Comment Id:** 128531 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Yellow Stone was the first time i went snowmobiling in my life. I was hooked ever since. My mom of all people took me. Turns out my mom loves the out doors. I bonded closer to my mother because of that trip. I would like to share this with my kids someday, but I need to know if that some day will still be there?

Organization:

Commenter: Anthony J Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1584 **Comment Id:** 129613 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: What other issues, concerns, or suggestions to do you think should be considered as we develop the new long-term Winter Use Plan/EIS? Being confident that the protection of resources will very adequately be addressed within the management options, I also suggest that consideration be given to the potential for each alternative to achieve visitation levels equal to that of the highest winter use in five years or less.

Organization:

Commenter: Marysue Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1474 **Comment Id:** 128814 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In regards to the winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park, the National Park Service must weigh the needs of the natural environment which includes the plants and animals with the needs of visitors who come for various reasons. I urge the park service to continue to allow visitors who will respect the needs of the environment. Allowing over snow vehicles without limits seriously jeopardizes the environment and destroys the experience for many others while serving only a select group. I believe a balance can be achieved that allows visitors who may require motorized equipment and protect the park's natural environment. Please keep this principle as the underlying goal of your management plan.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1471 **Comment Id:** 128529 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is very important to me. It is my life in the winter time. It gives me a reason to get out of town and enjoy the beautiful mountain experience with me and my buddies riding down the trails and experiencing the awesome snow amounts with the sweet little town of West Yellowstone. I love that place. Please do not shut it down so we can not attend this awesome area! Thanks.

Organization: SNOWEST

Commenter: Eric D Volek **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1656 **Comment Id:** 129966 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobiles remain the most popular over-snow way to visit the Park in the winter and should be a choice for visitors in the future. The snowmobile industry developed cleaner and quieter snowmobiles to address air quality and noise issues and local businesses invested in these new snowmobiles specifically to provide access to YNP. It is now the responsibility of the National Park Service to recognize these commitments and develop a winter use plan that accommodates snowmobile use and visitor preferences.

Organization: Board of County Commissioners for Park County, Wyoming

Commenter: Tim A French **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 140 **Comment Id:** 129517 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In conclusion, I am opposed to severe and artificial regulation of the wilderness. The park must be preserved for future generations, but that must not interfere with the ability to visit today. In an imaginary scenario of the 1800s, history could report yellowstone utterly destroyed by eager visitors or immediately fortified by an impenetrable glass wall drawn about its borders. Both are reprehensible to me, but I am more disturbed by the thought of a Yellowstone that was never seen, never experienced by any of Earth's citizens. Yellowstone is not a museum to be observed distantly, it is experiential, first-hand living at its finest.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1455 **Comment Id:** 128171 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Most fellow snowmobilers are responsible and considerate. Please continue to allow snowmobiling in your park

Organization: driftbusters snowmobile club

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129926 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping materials also ask, "Which values are most important and should be considered during this Winter Use Plan?" Comprehensive studies support the continued use of snowmobiles in the park. We agree with those studies and also agree that the snowmobile use on portions of the historic Yellowstone and Grand Teton road systems have no adverse impact on Park Resources. The wildlife viewing provided to visitors offers an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy the winter splendor of Yellowstone National Parks.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufactures Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128710 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 4 How would you replace the open air ride of a sled and a small group experience of seeing the park in the winter time if you will not have snowmobiling?

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128989 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In conclusion, we would like to say that Gardiner, who's economy is almost totally dependent on the public being able to visit Yellowstone, has been drastically crippled under the past winters of uncertainty and litigation. We believe there should be a balanced approach that also provides a choice of the mode of transportation that fits a visitor's desires. A choice of over-snow vehicles creates diversity that mitigated the concentrated visitor impacts. The exclusion of either over-snow vehicle is not appropriate. Thank you for your consideration of our suggestions.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129294 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In conclusion, we would like to say that Gardiner, whose economy is almost totally dependent on the public being able to visit Yellowstone, has been drastically crippled under the past winters of uncertainty and litigation. We believe there should be a balanced approach that provides a choice of mode of transportation that fits a visitor's desires. A choice of over-snow vehicles creates diversity that mitigates concentrated visitor impacts. The exclusion of either over-snow vehicle is not appropriate. Thank you for your consideration of our suggestions.

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 624 **Comment Id:** 126757 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We also saw a number of snowmobiles touring the park. Although I have been a long term opponent of the high use of snowmobiles in the park, at the present limit on numbers, and by requiring guides on all trips, along with other limits, I have no problem with continuing to allow a limited number into the park.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone

Commenter: Leland R Trotter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129334 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: General Introductory Comments We have commented in past planning processes that 'the definition of insanity is continuing to do the same thing while expecting different results.' Once again, our observation is that past efforts have gone around and around with few lasting or productive results, due largely to continuing to essentially do the same thing while expecting different results. That, unfortunately, is insanity. Now more than ever, it is clear that the National Park Service needs to step back, get out of the box, and assess past successes and failures to, hopefully, build a new Winter Use Plan that is acceptable to both managers and the public while being sustainable for the resources. And it has become obvious that any new plan needs to be 'judicially sustainable' while also hopefully providing a level of public use and winter access that America's citizens deserve. We understand that is a tall order. Our observation is that affordable winter access to Yellowstone by individuals has been lost over that last decade and that ? not the question of motorized access or not ? should become the driving issue for this planning process. Yellowstone's magnificent winter season should not be an experience for only the elite who can afford to pay ? but that is what it has become. We urge you to step back, revisit past decisions and policy changes, and figure out a way to reverse this trend so that all publics have an equal opportunity to visit and enjoy their special park in the winter.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1406 **Comment Id:** 127116 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please re-think any changes to current laws, my buds and i plan 1 trip a year for the past 5 years' can't believe this is even an issue leave us alone please. Charles lavin

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1302 **Comment Id:** 128603 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am in favor of keeping access for snowmobiles to our park. There is much evidence that wildlife is not negatively affected by snowmobiles. In fact there is evidence they benefit from the trails as a means to move from one feeding area to another.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128370 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: While it would be unfair to shield the park entirely from visitors in the winter, it seems reasonable to bring the noise and pollution levels to their lowest possible limits.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1549 **Comment Id:** 129086 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Open up "our" park in the winter. I do not ride a snow machine but I think it is a shame that only a few machines are allowing in. Why not allow the snow mobile rides to see the winter beauty of Yellowstone?

Organization:

Commenter: Marilyn Glans **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1549 **Comment Id:** 129088 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter in the park should not be just for the animals, snowshoers, and skiers, but for everyone. Let the public enjoy. "WINTER IN YELLOWSTONE" P.S. By closing winter access to Yellowstone you are destroying the small communities around the park. Remember: It is A PARK THAT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE.

Organization:

Commenter: Marilyn Glans **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1298 **Comment Id:** 128239 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: So with all that being said I feel that snowmobiles should be allowed in the park as long as they meet the new standards. And the snowmobile manufactures have been doing their part in making Yellowstone a enjoyable, cleaner and quieter place in the winter months. I for one am more likely to visit Yellowstone in the winter time on a snowmobile rather then the summer time. The winter you don't have to worry about traffic jams, crowds and crowds of people, the noise of diesel trucks and buses, and i don't have to watch tourist chase down the wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian Kassner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1298 **Comment Id:** 128240 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park must stay open to snowmobiles! I think everyone should have the privilege of seeing Yellowstone first hand from a snowmobile. So please keep Yellowstone open to snowmobiles. Thanks!

Organization:

Commenter: Brian Kassner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1288 **Comment Id:** 128223 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is with heavy heart that I am writing this letter in response to another possible closing of our lands. I have been an avid outdoorsman all my life I enjoy all aspects of our lands, not just the motorized forms. I spend between 20-35 days a year in the west riding and I am a responsible adult and those that ride with me are as well. In these tuff economic times the last thing we need is

more regulations and Government involvement. We need to keep this area available to all people year round. Please remember that not just a few should have the right to use our lands they are for all of us to enjoy please don't close this area.

Organization: Driftbusters

Commenter: Jason A Lien **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1249 **Comment Id:** 126485 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: yellowstone should be kept open to all forms of transportation that the season allows cars not in the winter time and snowmobiles not in the summer time

Organization:

Commenter: ted a johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1217 **Comment Id:** 126374 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: If you are considering shutting down Yellowstone Park to snowmobiling... Dont! Did you consider how much revenue would be lost during the winter months? We spend thousands of dollars coming there each year and all that would be lost. And we are just one party! We all ride responsibly there and obey all laws and are avid supporters of habitat for game and wilderness and conservation! Outdoors are our passions and fight to protect it, whether it be for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, or just to take our families to the areas we visited when we were children! I understand there are people who don't obey the rules, and that bugs many people who do obey and we let them know if we see it. please take this letter into consideration when making your decision or see it gets into the right hands! thank you.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Jeff J Rameden II **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1078 **Comment Id:** 127792 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On my behalf, of where I stand between Idaho State Snowmobiling Association, and McCall Area Snowmobiling Club, I am here with you today to explain why closing down the West Yellowstone snowmobile area trail system is not the best decision to be doing right now at this moment in time.

Organization: McCall Area Snowmobiling Club

Commenter: Michael J Stathis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1078 **Comment Id:** 127794 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If it wasn't for the fact of the World expo that is held every year in West Yellowstone supporting the Mountain West Race Circuit Snowcross race and the annual West Yellowstone Snowmobile drag races, there wouldn't be such a diverse population that there is in Yellowstone every late spring. The World Snowmobiling Expo help out our business from McCall, Idaho. It gave us the opportunity to diversify our business and help sell our brand name product of our business "Polaris Industries," to help get our business and name out to the public. A small margin of our sales were from people that were incorporated with West Yellowstone, that either lived there, raced snowmobiles there, or even visited watching all of the competitive sports that took place. It help me get to where I am at today, which is college. I am now a senior at the University of Idaho, and initial plans on trying to support sport which is "Snowmobiling," and possibly get back in business to help the industry out. Please do not take our trail rights away. The government may have public land up for grabs, but those different types of public lands give us all a part of living that we enjoy the most. Your actions on taking away the West Yellowstone snowmobile trail systems will not only stop the sport of snowmobiling, but it will also kill the economy of West Yellowstone, and make it a ghost town and make it be no more. Thank you for your time to let you here out my buyist and conservative ways of thinking, but think about putting yourselves in our shoes for once, just once, and see where I am coming from. Thank you again

Organization: McCall Area Snowmobiling Club

Commenter: Michael J Stathis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1075 **Comment Id:** 126330 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My family would like to plan a trip to yellowstone to snowmobile and have the chance to become one with nature and see the park like others can't. I know that we have to be good to nature but if no one can see it what good does it do. The healing powers of beauty is beyond belief. So please let snowmobiling and visitors continue to visit the park and all its glory.

Organization:

Commenter: Kurt Christiansen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 820 **Comment Id:** 127244 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Leave the park to snowmobiles and snow coaches in the Winter and keep the unsafe driving of the public off the snow covered roads. Wake-up and look how people drive on ice and snow in the north and leave the Winter in Yellowstone Park to snowmobiles and snow coaches only.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary R Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 819 **Comment Id:** 127236 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have rode in the park for 10 day it is something that I will never forget for the rest of my life. The younger people will never get the chance to do this if you close the park. When I was to the park I meet a family from Florida this is the first time they see snow. How many people in country will not get to do this if the park is closed to snowmobilers. Keep the park open.

Organization: statline trailblazer snowmoblie club

Commenter: craig r schmidt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 982 **Comment Id:** 128140 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I don't want to see some of the best spot of snowmobile riding close

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 818 **Comment Id:** 127234 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling in Yellowstone must not be prohibited.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 804 **Comment Id:** 127181 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to add my support to continue allowing snow mobiling in the park during the winter. I thought being able to see nature's wonders at such close range via the snowmobiles was a great adventure! This was the first time I had seen bison, elk, coyotes, wolves, etc. in their natural environment. The falls, hot springs and geysers, especially Old Faithful were also wonderful sights. I would hate to see these guided tours be discontinued in the future. I would support limited numbers of snowmobile tour groups in the park per day but please don't eliminate access altogether. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1589 **Comment Id:** 129833 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Overall, our position is that we would like to see this issue resolved for the long term in a manner that allows for winter use of the park by balancing Over Snow Vehicle (OSV) use that maintains environmental integrity, economic sustainability, public safety, and reasonable restrictions on users to credibly satisfy the needs of citizens and guests.

Organization: Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Commenter: Chas Van Genderen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1589 **Comment Id:** 129834 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Continue to allow both snowcoaches and snowmobiles as well as non-motorized travel as part of experiencing Yellowstone in winter.

Organization: Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Commenter: Chas Van Genderen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129624 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear Winter Use Planning Team: RE: Scoping Comments for New Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park Please note that the following comments have not changed significantly since comments were submitted on the Winter Use Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and Grand Teton (GTNP) National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (Parks) in 2007. Many of our figures and numbers are from the 2007 comment letter. The numbers presented in the following comments are very conservative and that snowmobile visitation has declined even more so since these 2007 numbers. The Divisions concerns have not changes since the submittal of the comments for the 2007 document. Continued winter access to these Parks by snowmobiles is extremely important for constituents of Wyoming and the American public; -We appreciate the opportunity for continuing dialogue with the National Park Service (NPS) as this planning process moves forward.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129631 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Preface The planning processes over the past twelve years have generated huge numbers of 'public comments' heralding mass transit-only winter access to Yellowstone, along with severe restrictions on access to Grand Teton and the Parkway. At recent scoping meetings, it is our impression that the public and cooperating agencies have presented a 'good case' for continued over snow winter use in YNP with thoughtful consideration of the park's resources. As we move forward with the EIS, it is our hope these comments are reflected.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129635 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We support any alternative that includes continued access to the parks by snowmobile and making important changes we believe are needed to make winter use management successful and sustainable.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129645 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Cumulatively, these statistics show there is absolutely no way snow coaches alone can deliver a sufficient level of park visitation that is at the level that : A) the park needs to sustain its public support and operating costs, B) the public needs to meet its desired level of visitation to the parks and desired range of experiences, and C) can sustain the park's infrastructure and resource management requirements.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1463 **Comment Id:** 128170 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please keep the snowmobile options open for the park and I would like to ride in the park without a guide.

Organization:

Commenter: Randy B Lehman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1303 **Comment Id:** 128606 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: hi, i rode yellowstone years ago. would like my grandkids to see how nice it is in the winter. things you can't see in summer use. it sound be open all year round for the people that like winter as well as summer. thank you for your time in this. jim mccollom

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: jim mccollom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1291 **Comment Id:** 128228 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: i really enjoy getting full use of the park, this includes riding in the winter. we want to take care of the park, but we can do that and use it for snowmobiling. thanks

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1287 **Comment Id:** 128220 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize the impact. Guides and regulations ensure compliance with all Park Service rules, just like in Canyonlands and Lake Powell. The Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and Slednecks fight to protect snowmobiling in Yellowstone because it's the right thing to do!

Organization:

Commenter: Nick N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1287 **Comment Id:** 128222 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone snowmobiling holds a lot of memories in my heart and I would like it to be open to snowmobiling for my kids and grandkids to ride and create great memories like myself!!

Organization:

Commenter: Nick N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 964 **Comment Id:** 128007 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I strongly encourage you to keep motorized use open in the winter.

Organization: Park County Farm Bureau Federation

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1579 **Comment Id:** 129824 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Being able to enter the park on a snow coach with others is a very good option, I feel; it allows those who don't want to snowmobile to come in and enjoy the park in the winter. The same applies to organized groups of snowmobilers; they can enjoy the park with one another and have the security of being part of a group should something go wrong.

Organization:

Commenter: John Osgood **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129565 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Continuing both forms of access will cause less disruption both for the public and local communities and is the appropriate response. Continuing both forms of access protects the resource through diversification of use not concentrated use and provides a much broader experience by being able to see the whole Park.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1449 **Comment Id:** 129047 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles have become the scapegoat for the overwhelming misguided political activism falsely implying a concern for the environment or the preservation of national parks. Snowmobile use in Yellowstone is highly regulated; strict emission and noise standards that are not applied to other season "wheeled" use. I am saddened to say that much of our environmental and wildlife, policies and management are based on unsound science and more on personal biased beliefs and ideals. I realize this is human nature and the same can be said about many outdoors and sportsmen.

The difference is that the public employees are paid from collective public money to find and use the best available science; not their personal bias developed from their individual lifestyle, associations, religious, cultural and/or political affiliations. While demonizing snowmobile use is popular, the fact is that snowmobile use is highly regulated and presents a minuscule amount of the detrimental "impact to our national parks or any other public lands. Most people who'd visit the park during wintertime are there respectfully and responsibly to witness the awesomeness of the park and our countries greatness for it'd preservation. Regulation and reduction of impact should be made where the most benefit is. The park department is there to manage the use. Manage the use allow for winter motorized access and opportunities for segregated motorized/non-motorized access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1434 **Comment Id:** 129056 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As the years passed we seen several different EIS processes come and go, always reaching the same conclusion that guided snowmobile access was an acceptable use. The most recent science on winter use indicates that for each topic studied snowmobiles and snow coaches had similar measured impacts on Yellowstone. The old idea of eliminating snowmobiles and only allowing snow coaches should not be considered as an alternative for the new EIS.

Organization:

Commenter: David McCray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1284 **Comment Id:** 128214 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone open to reasonable snowmobile use in the winter. For over 30 years I have personally known family and friends that were able to enjoy the National Park in winter by snowmobile when they may not have been able to, had snowmobiles been prohibited.

Organization:

Commenter: Tom Rowland **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1220 **Comment Id:** 126368 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I think the park should be left open in the winter to be used by Over Snow Vehicles. Since the use is relocated to roads and monitored the impact seems minimal and actually is less than the impact of RV's in the Summer Months. Many locals also depend on this use to make a living. Shutting it down deprives people of the winter beauty and hurts the local economy.

Organization:

Commenter: Eric J Repking **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 958 **Comment Id:** 127861 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am in favor of continuing to allow access to the park via snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 766 **Comment Id:** 127973 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The park is the people's park and it should be open to the people.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbett M Ott **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 685 **Comment Id:** 126857 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I spent several years in and around the Yellowstone ecosystem and I would like succeeding generations to have the same quality opportunities that I had - or better!

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Russell E Blalack **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1659 **Comment Id:** 129976 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: No areas should be closed to snowmobiles and managed as non-motorized unless Congress votes to do so.

Organization: Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA)

Commenter: Ken Salo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1215 **Comment Id:** 126385 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please remember what it says over the entrance to Yellowstone National Park. It is important to keep the park open for the citizens of the United States year round. The use of snowmobiles in the winter allows more people to experience the parks winter beauty. I implore you to allow the continued use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Maggi L Wittman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1211 **Comment Id:** 126387 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: After reading input from scientific testing where no harm is done to wildlife, then lets enjoy the parks as they were intended.

Organization: Sturgeon County Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Dennis C Hoffman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1421 **Comment Id:** 128420 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Leave Yellowstone open. I have been to the park during the winter. It is great place to see and visit during the winter. Snowmobiling in the park is not destructive. The tar road and cars that are lined up are. It is a low impact sport and should be left open.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128787 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I personally take multiple trips to the area every year and have fallen in love with the area. I would really feel as though we have failed our future generations if we don't allow winter snowmobile access into the park...or other areas for that matter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1403 **Comment Id:** 127092 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is our hope that we will be able to continue to vacation in this area during the winter months and avoid the crowds that the summer months bring. I maybe wrong but would assume that the sheer number of persons in the park during the summer would have greater impact on the environment then those of us that brave the cold in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1397 **Comment Id:** 128471 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I support equal access for all people at the exclusion of none and certainly do not want a policy that is preferential towards those who selfishly want to drive out those who don't share their values.

Organization:

Commenter: Kent Dyet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1210 **Comment Id:** 126389 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Keep Yellowstone open for winter recreation by snowmobile. My family and I spend thousands of dollars in the West Yellowstone area during the winter, and without the Park being an option to tour, we will not continue to visit and spend money in the area.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 945 **Comment Id:** 127485 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please take this letter as a strong advocate for snowmobiling in Yellowstone from both my husband and myself.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen M Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 34 **Comment Id:** 129458 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As a Wyoming native, I would urge that YNP remain open to winter use, including snowmobiling; and at a levels which we enjoyed in 2005-2006.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard W Petersen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1387 **Comment Id:** 127224 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I ride all around the park and have been through the park, it should not be shut down. I don't know one single person that has seen every square inch of yellowstone on foot and until that happens why would you limit access to those that will enjoy it in other ways.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1196 **Comment Id:** 126556 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I think that Yellowstone Park was set aside for the masses, and should stay that way. I don't think the winter use at the park has near the impact as summer traffic, and should left as is.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1186 **Comment Id:** 128132 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing to comment on the inclusion of snowmobile tours in the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan. I feel that there is no reason to prohibit the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone park.

Organization:

Commenter: Wade N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1186 **Comment Id:** 128136 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel it is wrong to restrict people from using our National Parks as long as they are doing it responsibly.

Organization:

Commenter: Wade N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1376 **Comment Id:** 127199 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My husband is not able the "hike" the parks in the summer and this mode of transportation made it a fun and easy way to enjoy the park, and in a beautiful season, winter. Please keep in mind that not all citizens can walk with ease and yet ALL CITIZENS should be able to enjoy the park in summer and winter.

Organization:

Commenter: H J Kolhoff **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1120 **Comment Id:** 127916 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Back in 1993 my family and I made a trip to Yellowstone to go snowmobiling. We rented 2 snowmobiles from Polaris west in west Yellowstone which at that time cost me nearly a weeks wages. Our 2 boys were 4 and 9 at the time and rode double with us and had a wonderful time so many animals and all the natural wonders of the park were unforgettable. My boys still talk about it today. Since those days only 4-stroke clean running snowmobiles are all that are allowed in only with a reserved guide . I can understand this but yet it makes little sense as 2-stroke machines still run in the mountains all around the borders of the park and seem to be just fine as even they are running much much cleaner than earlier models. So to some this up, I think it would be a great loss in so many ways if it were decided that snowmobiles are to be banned from Yellowstone !!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Rodney P Rudolph **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1467 **Comment Id:** 128166 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like to have the opportunity to observe the park from a snowmobile in the winter some time in the future. Please don't take away my right to do so.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1467 **Comment Id:** 128167 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I was in yellowstone this past August 2009 and did not see the amount of game animals that I have seen in the past. It is my understanding that many animals migrate out of the park for the winter so I would not expect to see the same game counts in the winter months but as a snowmobiler I would still like the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Yellowstone as a national resource from my snowmobile. Please don't shut me out.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1280 **Comment Id:** 128209 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that it is wrong to completely eliminate snowmobiles from Yellowstone national park. I completely agree that the park needs to be protected and preserved, however it is unreasonable to think that the presence of a limited number of sleds is going to effect the air quality or wild life inside the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Ryan Koll **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1280 **Comment Id:** 128210 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have personally been to the park two times and it is some of the most beautiful wilderness I have ever seen, especially when it is covered in snow. Not allowing snowmobiles to enter the park in the winter would disable many people from experiencing one of the most incredible places in North America. The park SHOULD NOT be a playground for snowmobiles, but not allowing them into the park is 100% wrong. With today's 4 stroke and etec technologies, there is absolutely no reason why a SIGNIFICANT amount of snowmobilers shouldn't be able to explore Yellowstone in an environmentally friendly manner.

Organization:

Commenter: Ryan Koll **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1278 **Comment Id:** 128201 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel that snowcoaches and snowmobiles should continue to be allowed to enter Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1108 **Comment Id:** 127884 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Close the parks to humans? Why then even have a park? Are parks not there for all to enjoy, or just for the ones that paved over their own patch of this earth? Police motorized access if you must but let everyone have a chance to enjoy the wilderness and not just those who choose to walk in it.

Organization:

Commenter: Craig s Gudmundson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1082 **Comment Id:** 127801 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am in support of continuing to allow snowmachine tours of Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1082 **Comment Id:** 127802 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have ridden through the Park several times before you were required to have a guide. There is a beauty in the wintertime that is incomparable. We shared this experience with our children and would like to with our grandchildren. The park is beautiful both summer and winter and the impact of snowmachines is minimal - far less than automotive traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 814 **Comment Id:** 127216 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I live in Utah and feel very fortunate. Because I am so close to so many beautiful areas. One being the Yellowstone National Park. I have visited the park in both summer and winter months. Both seasons are breathtaking! I have been only a handful of times due to the fact that I have to work like everyone else. But when I do get to go I try to get all the sights, sounds and experiences in that I can. My Mother was raised in Afton Wyoming and my Grandfather was a Hunting and Trapping guide for many years. I loved to hear his many tales of the experiences he had in and around the

Yellowstone area. What a life he lead! Although those days of free roaming are gone I hope they don't fade away forever. I have three children whom now are grown and have children of their own. I hope they too can find themselves amidst the grandeur that is Yellowstone in the middle of winter and see the beautiful sights that can only be seen during that time and with the access of a snowmobile. Please don't take this fulfilling experience away. Words cannot express the experience you get first hand.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 622 **Comment Id:** 126747 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have not been to Yellowstone in the winter but it is on my "Must Do" list. I believe at this stage of my life I would much rather see it from the back of a snowmobile than in a large coach but I understand the problems of numbers, noise and disruption of what animals have probably come to see as their respite. Optimally, I would prefer to see a program of managed group snowmobile access with a leader than full elimination of snowmobiles. I would also like to see snowmobiles running on LPG or LNG and quieted as much as possible. I have been on airboat "coaches" in Florida, viewing "coaches" in Africa and watched people in what are essentially sailing "coaches" in the Galapagos I don't think any of them is particularly environmentally friendly or a particularly good way to see the wilderness. I find the large airboats in the Everglades to be particularly offensive. Coaches leave much to be desired, but if it is the ONLY way, it is the only way.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 622 **Comment Id:** 126752 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My point is that coaches may be a solution and ultimately they be "the solution", but they should only be the solution inasmuch they somehow are the best way to protect the park, and not because they provide accessibility to an otherwise inaccessible wilderness.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 29 **Comment Id:** 127740 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: This haggle over the use and # of sleds every year is another example of taxpayer money thrown out. The cut in the # of sleds in the Park has cost people their jobs for NO reason. 160..260..560.. what is the difference. Unlimited clunkers in the Summer is OK? If the sled # is going to be so small I ask for a \$\$\$\$ cost to the taxpayer, formula Park employees by fees collected. If this is

a losing endeavor..lets close it down and bar the gates...and Rif all on the taxpayer role.

Organization:

Commenter: Doc H DeTonancour **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1437 **Comment Id:** 128178 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobiling and other tracked vehicles enable visitors to tour the park in the winter. Snowmobilers have just as much right to tour through the park as other visitors that drive their cars other times of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary L Russcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1276 **Comment Id:** 128195 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to comment on the "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement". I am a member of our local snowmobile club and proud to be a responsible rider as well. My husband and I have had the extreme pleasure of riding our snowmobiles through Yellowstone Park before it was required to hire a guide. I grew up in the Cody area and don't feel the need to hire a guide to assist me on the roadway in Yellowstone National Park. My family has been snowmobiling for more than 35 years. My children themselves have been snowmobiling since they were very young. We consider ourselves some the real snowmobilers of our country and currently the "real snowmobiler" can not afford to enter the park. We as "real snowmobilers" should be allowed access to the park. I would love for my children to see the beauty and wonder of Yellowstone in the Winter but it is extremely expensive to hire a guide not to mention having to rent snowmobiles as well.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1276 **Comment Id:** 128198 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think we all agree that proper land management is a very important issue. Helping to preserve this land for future generations is a wonderful thing if the future generations actually are able to enjoy and access the land in person. What isn't proper management is to close public access and make the public land only viewable and enjoyable via the Internet. You can't smell the fresh air via the Internet.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1081 **Comment Id:** 127800 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not close Yellowstone, to snowmobiles or any snow vehicles. We travel there over 1000 miles one way, because there is nothing like it. Here in California, we don't have anything beautiful like Yellowstone. Sure we have Yosemite, but it is nothing like Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1068 **Comment Id:** 127776 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that snowmobiles should always be allowed in OUR National Park.

Organization: Sweetwater snow pokes

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1067 **Comment Id:** 126331 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Let us ride the park so my kids can know what it means to be free. How will we be able to love it if we cant see it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 924 **Comment Id:** 127391 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: the parks are for everyone, not a chosen few. the parks should be left open for everyone including snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 922 **Comment Id:** 127378 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: wish that you would CONTINUE TO ALLOW snowmobiles and other snow traversing machines to access the park in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 919 **Comment Id:** 127362 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe in most years it would be more cost effective and would allow more people to enjoy the Yellowstone in the winter by plowing the road between West Yellowstone and Old Faithful. Roads beyond Old Faithful and from Madison Junction to Mammoth could be open to guided snowmobiles and snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Warren E Bielenberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1420 **Comment Id:** 127671 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I think as a tax payer, And a snowmobiler, I should have the right to visit Yellow Stone NP. winter or summer, That is my right as a tax payer, Because in the summer I am working so I can play more in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Lyndell B Ward **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1394 **Comment Id:** 127131 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: With the guides and regulations, the new low noise and low emission snowmobiles, it would be wrong to close off this natural wonder to all those who truly do own a share of it, the citizens of America.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1382 **Comment Id:** 127213 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I want to see winter access for all parties in the park. There is definitely enough park for those who want to snowmobile, snowshoe, and ski. My concern is that the current restrictions have deterred many visitors from the park. The parks were established for the enjoyment of the people, and the protection of the treasures they hold.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1381 **Comment Id:** 127237 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobile's should be allowed in Yellowstone. With the recent advancements in emissions and noise reductions why should we stop allowing snowmobiles into the park? For years snowmobiler's have been regulated into the park by environmentalist action groups and snowmobiler's have agreed to most of their rules. The number of snowmobile's are regulated in and out of the park every day. The speed of the snowmobile's are regulated in the park. Where snowmobile's are allowed to go are regulated in the park by following a guide. And yet people still flock by snowmobile to see what this park has to offer in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1268 **Comment Id:** 129045 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: When we go on vacation this is one our favorite places to go. I just can't take my family in the summer as I work a job that is very busy and is nearly impossible to get a weekend off let alone a week like we love so much in the winter. PLEASE,PLEASE don't take this away.

Organization: Blue ribbon co

Commenter: Vance Emerson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1264 **Comment Id:** 129009 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The NPS has a mandate to promote and provide for the use and enjoyment of park resources and to leave park resources unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. As a person that has had the pleasure of using this park in the past, my children are of the age that they would be able to ride in the park in the not too distant future. But if this review does take away park access I know my tourism DOLLARS will stay in Canada where I can still ride.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1066 **Comment Id:** 127774 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not close the park. It's already hard enough to enjoy it during the winter for recreation. I can understand limiting traffic and the requirement of 4 stroke machines, I still believe there is much more traffic during summer months, but closing it completely is wrong.

Organization:

Commenter: Edward Saunders **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1065 **Comment Id:** 127773 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I realize this comment period is just about winter access; however, I do own and ride a four-wheeler as well. For those of us who are older, have children who require a "ride," or have physical challenges that prevent outdoor access without motorized assistance, National Parks should be as aware and welcoming. Please remember the parks are for everyone. The amount of "noise" generated by some with regard to who should have access and how access should be allowed may yet be determined incompatible in a respectful arena. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Organization:

Commenter: Glenda Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 790 **Comment Id:** 127165 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had the pleasure of staying in West Yellowstone and renting snowmobiles to tour the park with friends. I really hope that I can continue to enjoy this in the future. I now have grandchildren and very much hope to enjoy the experience with them when they are old enough. It continues to surprise me that this process has not been concluded prior to now. With all the restrictions and changes that have been implemented based on previous studies I would hope that it is clear that the current winter travel plan offer a great balance between wildlife and motorized use. Please keep this wonderful place open to the individual experience that snowmobiles offer to the public.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 789 **Comment Id:** 127164 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I tell everyone I know that snowmobiling in Yellowstone and West Yellowstone is one of the most awesome experiences of my lifetime. I only hope that others will continue to have access to enjoy the same experience for many years to come. By the way, six of the seven members in our party this year were over the age of fifty and retired. It is not just for youngsters looking for a wild party time racing fast snowmobiles, in fact I saw none of that inside Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 375 **Comment Id:** 126670 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone belongs to the American Public, with restrictions in place let's give WINTER access back to them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1261 **Comment Id:** 129120 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I think that it would be a real shame to deny our children and future generations the opportunity to discover Yellowstone on a snowmobile. I grew up in Idaho and my family and I have had many of great rides through the park. I am asking you to not ban the use of snowmobiles. I truly believe that the only way to see the park in it's real light is riding it. My parents went on their honeymoon snowmobiling through the park. Most of my fondest memories were created there. I can not imagine not being able to share the same memories with my children. There are very few places that remain left to ride. As a whole snowmobilers are a respectful of nature in general and to deny us the beauty of the park on a cold winter day would be a travesty. Please think of all the enjoyment that it brings to those who have been luck enough to experience it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1260 **Comment Id:** 129005 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am not a member of any organization. A private citizen and snowmobiler who believes it is important for people like me to experience a personal, private snowmobile visit to

Yellowstone. It takes time to enjoy the full beauty and magnificence of the park and I don't like to be told it's time to move on at someone else's whim.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1250 **Comment Id:** 126488 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please leave the beautiful park open to snowmobile use. We represent such a small number of visitors compared to the congestion that the park experiences during the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1064 **Comment Id:** 127770 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have snowmobiled in the yellowstone park and surrounding area for over thirty years. Closing the park to snowmobiles and snowcoachs would be a great loss for the people who come from all over the world to enjoy this great wonder of nature.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 906 **Comment Id:** 127303 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Seeing the park via snowmobile cannot be described in brief detail. It is an incredible experience that I hope my wife and I will be able to share with our two boys once they are old enough. I can say from experience that wildlife is not stressed or harassed by snowmobile visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Jason Sholley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 906 **Comment Id:** 127318 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: strongly urge you not to prohibit snowmobile use in YNP.

Organization:

Commenter: Jason Sholley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 786 **Comment Id:** 127159 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have experienced snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park many years ago, and feel that this practice should be continued. The beauty of the park during the winter can only be experienced up close and personal and there is no better way than to drive a snowmobile through the park. Less damage to the park and the environment is done during the winter and more people should be encouraged to see it during this less busy time of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Barbara A Cady **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 371 **Comment Id:** 126656 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With all that said, knowing that this will be litigated past our lifetimes, I feel it is important to keep preservation at the forefront, while still allowing for the enjoyment of the people.

Organization: please uncheck member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1361 **Comment Id:** 127277 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I don't think you should shut down yellow stone for snowmobilers. Yellow stone is a beautiful place, i went their 2 years ago and i thought it was the most beautiful place in the world. snowmobiling is a great way to experience it too, you can go places when usually, you cant go on foot or with any other kind of transportation. It would be horrible if people got rid of that ability.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1248 **Comment Id:** 126489 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Again Jobs, revenue, keep it open.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Lee Peckham **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1247 **Comment Id:** 126490 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a beautiful park that belongs to American Citizens. As long as people responsibly snowmobile there, I think we have the right to continue to do this. I have not done this, but I would love to do it. Please don't prevent snowmobiles from being allowed to tour the park.

Organization:

Commenter: David Jordan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1246 **Comment Id:** 126495 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe it is important to allow snowmobile and snowcoach access during winter months. Automobiles allow access for eight or so months a year so it is great that people have the option to see the parks in their beautiful winter condition without snowbanks and plowed roads. With newer and cleaner snow machine technology winter use is very accessible and safe to the environment as much as any human intervention can be anyway.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1024 **Comment Id:** 126305 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please keep the park open to snowmobiling, it is a wonderful way to enjoy the park. I would think with the new EPA regulations on snowmobiles, and the new quiet exhausts, that the impact of snowmobiles could only be a fraction of the summer park users.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1022 **Comment Id:** 126306 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: America's National Parks belong to all Americans, all user groups. Snowmobiling is a wonderful way to access parks. When snow cover is sufficient, snowmobiling has little or no impact on the ecosystem. The newer snowmobiles are also quiet and environmentally friendly. Please do not close any National Park to snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Dena G Kelley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 890 **Comment Id:** 127682 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park should be kept open during the winter with access via snowmobiles or snowcoaches. It is beautiful to see in the winter and I can't see any damage that is done to the park. Everyone stays on the groomed roads and there are a lot less people entering the park than in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 158 **Comment Id:** 129249 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage you to continue over the snow motorized transport in the park in your long term plan. I specifically want the use of snowmobiles in the Park to continue. This transportation method provides unequaled access and opportunity to experience the Park in ways that other motorized transport cannot provide.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1223 **Comment Id:** 126351 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I think you should keep Yellowstone open in the winter for use by snowmobiles and snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Preston **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1020 **Comment Id:** 126307 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Balanced use. Keep open for Snowmobiles.

Organization: Member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1019 **Comment Id:** 126308 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Do not take away our freedom to ride in this National Park. National Parks should be open to all forms of recreation including motorized.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1018 **Comment Id:** 126309 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: have never been to Yellowstone but I have always wanted to experience the snowmobiling there, I have heard so much good about Yellowstone, it would be a shame to see the snowmobiling ended here or anywhere. 8 of us go snowmobiling twice a year to select locations to see the scenery and have great time, never mind the amount of money we leave in the towns and cities and the economy, this would have a great impact on the towns and economy. I would hate to see this shut down... Our snowmobiling group is very courteous to other sledders/skiers/boarders and has always helped out any way that we could if a person was in need. This is wrong... Thank You

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 997 **Comment Id:** 128161 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please keep yellowstone open to snowmobiles, we enjoy using the area around Bozeman and want to keep it open for future generations to enjoy any way they see fit.

Organization:

Commenter: rex leipheimer **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 881 **Comment Id:** 127574 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is important that snowmobilers be able to continue to use the park. They will bring their children with them on trips and teach themselves and coming generations to love Yellowstone and to enjoy it as a family. Over time such families will evolve away from using snowmobiles to enter the park as energy costs become more expensive and awareness about petroleum use increases. For

now, letting snowmobilers in the park, fosters an appreciation of natural wonders. If snowmobilers are shut out of the park they will turn against it and the important environmental lessons it teaches visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Thomas Dewell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 775 **Comment Id:** 127117 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We would LOVE to be able to visit MORE of the park in the winter!!

Organization:

Commenter: Katie L Walters **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 238 **Comment Id:** 127330 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Protect the park while allowing the public to see it. The goal is to find that balance.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1351 **Comment Id:** 127274 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a tax paying US citizen I desire to be able to access Yellowstone park on snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1342 **Comment Id:** 127693 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I truly hope Yellowstone Park will again be open to snowmobiling, as it had been for many years, so the future generations will have the memories I cherish of the snow covered, pristine beauty with animals and man sharing nature at it's best. I ,for one, have not yet had enough and will go again and again, if I am given the opportunity everyone of us deserves.

Organization:

Commenter: Maralyse Wight **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 994 **Comment Id:** 128158 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: took at trip to Yellowstone a year ago and it stands high on my list of great snowmobile outings. This is for several reasons, first of all the panoramic scenery is breath taking. Everything looks 100 times better covered in snow haha. Secondly, not only was the area awesome looking there was so much of it! An all day ride and we seen more wildlife then fellow riders. And finally this particular trip to Yellowstone provided me with the opportunity to bond with my family. I believe there is no better way to interact with family and friends then riding through amazing territory having fun pushing our limits and sharing stories about past snowmobile trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 989 **Comment Id:** 128155 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I do not think you should shut down the park, not so much shut down I guess but holding snowmobilers out of it, I myself one day will hopefully be going around the place touring hills and playing around in the snow, I've seen vid's and pictures of the place and it's beautiful! I do not think they should hold snowmobilers from there it's a snowmobilers dream!

Organization:

Commenter: Dave W Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 981 **Comment Id:** 128138 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please keep the park open to responsible snowmobiling

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1192 **Comment Id:** 126407 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My family does have a longer term goal of going to Yellowstone and spending some time snowmobiling and enjoying the park during that magical time of the year. I would like to be allowed this privilege without having to be completely regulated as to how when where and on what

vehicle I can do that with my family.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 979 **Comment Id:** 128092 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We would like our grandchildren to be able to experience the park as our children did; from the seat of a snowmobile. It is also my feeling that anyone that wants to should be able to experience the park in the Winter; whether it be snowcoach, skis, snowshoes or snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Ken Rossum **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 880 **Comment Id:** 127573 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a natural beauty in all seasons and should be open for all to enjoy year round. While I am in favor of controlled snowmobile access or plowing the roads of yellowstone, complete closure does not appear necessary to me.

Organization: n/a

Commenter: Jeff Bitton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 879 **Comment Id:** 127569 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park is an unbelievable place to see and enjoy. I have been visiting YNP for over 30 years now. My parents took me and I have continued to visit with my children. One of the fantastic things the public has been able to do is visit the park during the winter on a snowmobile. We would love to still have the park available to snowmobile traffic in the winter. I see a recent study has shown that snowmobiles have a very low impact on the park, yet the number of snowmobiles allowed in the park continue to drop.....this is a questionable practice.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1140 **Comment Id:** 127996 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone by snowmobile myself in previous years, and would like my children to have these same opportunities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1140 **Comment Id:** 127997 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is my belief the national park system was created for the enjoyment of all; and to be used by all forms of recreationalists. I would strongly encourage you to support the continuation of snowmobile access to YNP

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1139 **Comment Id:** 127990 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We need to keep snowmobile access open to Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1139 **Comment Id:** 127993 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Do not Close Yellowstone Park to snowmobilers. Thank you for your time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1138 **Comment Id:** 127989 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have never traveled to Yellowstone in the winter and therefore have never snowmobiled in the park. As a visitor during the summer I can only imagine the wonders that the park holds in the winter months. Being only 22 years old, I plan on traveling and snowmobiling the park both by myself and with my family in the future. Do not take this opportunity away from me to take part in such a joyous activity in on of the most majestic areas on this planet.

Organization: Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1363 **Comment Id:** 127269 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: A lot of people would agree with me. So please, don't waste your time on this. It just isn't worth it. You really aren't gaining anything by closing it off to sleds. Choose wisely.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1133 **Comment Id:** 127955 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am an avid outdoorsman here in the great state of Michigan, I love to hunt and love to snowmobile, I overwhelmingly respect the animals, our heritage and the rugged wilderness which I have a very special bond with. I've been out west several times for archery elk, mule deer and antelope hunting, the open feeling of the beautiful land that God has provided as a lifetime experience for me is very special and would never do anything against the law nor would I act in any way that would harm nature and our wilderness. I have never been snowmobiling out west or in beautiful Yellowstone National Park, which is one of my dreams and hopefully one day I can witness the beauty of the park on a snowmobile, I will tread lightly and give total respect to the park rules and the animals.

Organization: Michigan United Conservation Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1133 **Comment Id:** 127958 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: When spring comes, the snow will melt away and there will be no sign of any machine were even there. Yes, I know our national parks are there for the animals but also for us to see and enjoy, they were created so we can have a beautiful place to visit and cherish for the rest of our lives and generations to come, If you don't let people visit our national parks in unharmed ways such as by snowmobile or by car then the revenue created to take care of the parks will diminish, which will not be good. So please listen to my letter and think about what is trying to be taken away from the honest hard working citizens who help pay for our parks. thank you for taking the time to read this letter!

Organization: Michigan United Conservation Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1132 **Comment Id:** 127954 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Parks were created for the enjoyment of the people. With the current emissions technology available and under proper regulation, snowmobiling proposes very little risk to its surroundings and therefore should continue to be allowed. It is a fabulous way to enjoy the parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1033 **Comment Id:** 126303 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see Yellowstone National park stay open to snowmobiling.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1031 **Comment Id:** 126254 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I do not care to be in the wilderness with the bugs, and dangerous wildlife during warm weather. I understand the number of tourists and the congestion is considerably greater during the warm weather also. It would seem to me that the carbon footprint exposure during the summer would also be considerably greater. My entire family, wife, son and daughter have had the opportunity to view Yellowstone in it's winter magnificence. My only grandson will be 5 years old this Sept and will still be too young to enjoy this fantastic adventure. I hope that by the time he is old enough, he will still have the opportunity to visit Yellowstone on snowmobile in the winter.

Organization: White Thunder Riders

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127390 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I personally don't care if I ever visit Yellowstone Park again, but please don't deprive millions of people from that experience, after all? Who's park is it??? You have done the research tell the special interest enviro nuts to take a hike. Thank you for your consideration,

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1348 **Comment Id:** 127260 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I cannot think of a safer or more beautiful way to tour the park than on a snowmobile. Once the snow melts there is no evidence that we were even there. The thought of closing the park to winter tourist and snowmobilers is completely crazy. If these environmentalist want to save the park from impact then close it to during the summer when the real damage is done!

Organization:

Commenter: neil a Westerlund **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1346 **Comment Id:** 127281 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I just don't think that anybody that has ever been on top of a mountain on a snowmobile in fresh powder snow would ever want to stop people from enjoying this at all. I always said, take these people riding one time to show them the beauty and they would change their minds. I just wanted to let you know how I felt, it is one of many places I love to ride snowmobile that I would hate to see people take away from us.

Organization: SAWS

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1343 **Comment Id:** 127289 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have not had the privilege to visit Yellowstone, but I think it would be unfair to not allow snowmobiles onto the park. I understand wanting to keep the area as natural as possible, but with the restrictions on what types of snowmobiles are allowed to access the park are enough.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1329 **Comment Id:** 128957 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I hope that Yellowstone National Park is never closed to snowmobiling. I started riding there at age 16 and go back every year. I think there is something to say about the beauty of this park in the winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127949 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Bottom line is, our environment is to be preserved for our children and restricting snowmobiling is not a fix to the problems many of our parks face.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1030 **Comment Id:** 126256 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: By taking snowmobiling away from the park would be a complete waste and disgrace. Who then would be able to enjoy the full extent of the park, and by what other means could it be done?

Organization:

Commenter: Gib Trontvet **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 904 **Comment Id:** 127286 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Nowhere in President Roosevelt's speech and nowhere carved in stone on the arch does it say "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People, during certain season's, winter excluded." The park is a completely unique experience during the winter, and by eliminating winter use, this wondrous world will not be enjoyed.

Organization:

Commenter: Amanda N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 374 **Comment Id:** 126668 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We think we should have access to Yellowstone in the winter without having to pay the high fees associated with using the contracted tour services. The National Parks are supposed to be accessible to all, not just those who can afford the tours and have the time and budget to make Yellowstone Park a destination. We'd love to make Yellowstone Park our holiday destination, but we

cannot. Instead we'd like to see it open so that all can enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Harry J Roberts **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 867 **Comment Id:** 127530 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: please allow snowmobiling in the park again under controlled circumstances and let the public use the lands that are for our use year round. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the future of the use of the park

Organization:

Commenter: randy d parsons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 866 **Comment Id:** 127529 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To close the park to individual snowmobiles where the operators can choose which spot along the trail is the most beautiful to stop at is truly a loss. Please allow families to travel and explore the park just as in the years prior to 1996.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael G Rose **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1366 **Comment Id:** 127256 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I support the continuation of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. It allows people to experience the beauty of the park and winter combined.

Organization: Davis County Snowflakes/Utah Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1116 **Comment Id:** 127905 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I wish to express my personal viewpoints on use of National Parks in general and Yellowstone specifically with regard to access by snowmobile. It is my own view that these parks should remain accessible by all reasonable means, both motorized and non-motorized so that the greatest number of visitors are able to see and appreciate their beauty. Specific to Yellowstone, I am

very concerned snowmobiles are being singled out and unfairly limited in their access to the park.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 859 **Comment Id:** 127496 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have snowmobiled in Yellowstone on 5 different occasions. It has been an incredible experience. I would love to be able to share this experience with my children. Please continue to allow snowmobiles to enter and enjoy these wonderful natural landscapes. So many unique things can be seen when winter is upon the parks.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 414 **Comment Id:** 128562 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: AS A WINTER TOURIST RETURNING EACH YEAR WE ENJOY OSV TRAVEL FROM WEST TO INTERIOR PARK LOCATIONS. WE ALSO DONT MIND DRIVING FROM WEST YELLOWSTONE TO THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF THE PARK AND DRIVING THRU TO COOKE CITY. BEST OF BOTH WORLDS. SO I GUESS WHATEVER YOU DO IS FINE AS LONG AS WE ARE ABLE TO ACCESS OUR PARK.

Organization:

Commenter: TONY TALLMAN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1357 **Comment Id:** 127287 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My concern is for my fellow Americans who may not even be born yet, that they at least have the opportunity to visit Yellowstone in its winter splendor. Wow what a sight. Sometimes doing things right does not equate to doing the right thing. Please do the right thing, keep Yellowstone open. Thank-you.

Organization:

Commenter: Michael J Zachary **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1117 **Comment Id:** 127907 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Parks are for everybodys use at all times, they should be left alone to be enjoyed by all at any time, SUMMER or WINTER.

Organization:

Commenter: Barry D Farman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1115 **Comment Id:** 127903 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: keep yellowstone open!!! its our park!!

Organization: slednecks

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1114 **Comment Id:** 127898 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hello. I am writing this letter to let you know that I oppose the closing of Yellowstone to snowmobiles. We as snowmobilers have every right to use the park as anyone else does.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1114 **Comment Id:** 127902 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: So please I urge you to allow snowmobilers to continue to use the park and remember that we keep the economy in the winter going. you shut us out and the towns around the park will no longer exist. So we now you hurt the local economy too.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1113 **Comment Id:** 127897 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Why I the world would you want to close yellow stone??? This is a place where I want to take my kids and go snowmobiling when they get older....This is my dream as a DAD to do

this. It 's not rite..

Organization:

Commenter: Ryan j Art **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1112 **Comment Id:** 127896 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Closing the park or restricting it even further to winter access via snowmobile would be a huge mistake in my opinion. I don't have a lot of words to express my thoughts, but losing access to such a wonderful place via snowmobile would be a tragedy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1107 **Comment Id:** 127881 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge you not to single out one form of recreation and transport without considering the impacts of all of them. Please do not allow the end of an era at Yellowstone to occur, do not ban snowmobiles from Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 392 **Comment Id:** 126697 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've lived in the area for 30 years...and I've seen the good, the bad, and the ugly of winter use. I am a believer that we should have access to our park in the winter... if we care for it responsibly. That being said, these are my thoughts:

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Sloan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129148 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: 7. In my mind, any further objection to snowmobile access to the Park is not supported by documented evidence and can only be construed to emanate from a purely aesthetic intolerance of the snowmobile itself. Short of compromising Yellowstone's resources a winter use plan

should not and can not discriminate along subjective aesthetic preferences lest we open a can of worms regarding what is or is not allowable winter or summer transportation.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129150 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Finally, it would be wise of us to keep in mind that the winter use plan represents an America at its best. That is, an America that relies on a reasoned discourse while striving for compromise. Any further efforts to either completely ban over-snow vehicles or to unleash the uncontrolled numbers of the past represents a dangerous attitude of intolerance in which winners take all.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1103 **Comment Id:** 127873 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been to Yellowstone as a kid with my family. It was a memorable experience that I would like to share with my kids on a snowmobile some day. There are enough snowmobile area closures already. Every year it seems like one more of our riding areas gets closed. If you keep closing down legal riding areas people will just start riding illegally. I don't do this but know many others that do. The United States and Canada are supposed to be FREE countries but it is starting to feel less and less that way. Also what about all the revenue snowmobiling brings to these regions. If there is no more snowmobiling in yellowstone I wont go there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1102 **Comment Id:** 127870 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please, please, keep allowing snowmobiles into Yellowstone Park. I have been there once before, and it is simply beautiful in winter. I plan on taking my daughter there, on snowmobile, once she is old enough.

Organization:

Commenter: Skylar M Baxter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 849 **Comment Id:** 127436 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please stop the uncertainty of accessibility due to constant litigation and varied judicial rulings. The lack of access to all visitors must end now! Do not stop the winter livelihood for the residents of West Yellowstone and Mammoth

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1101 **Comment Id:** 127863 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am for being able to use the park during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1101 **Comment Id:** 127867 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If you randomly take a poll of 500 people and ask them their opinion on Yellowstone access during the winter, I can almost guarantee that a very strong majority would be opposed to closing Yellowstone for winter access. At my work there are probably only a handful of people who would be against leaving it open and there are over 800 people who work here. Don't close off something that was meant to be there for all to enjoy because of a handful of people. Please continue to allow access, but regulate it like you have been, this will allow all to enjoy no matter what time of year it is.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1100 **Comment Id:** 127856 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hi, I am from Massachusetts and just about every year me and my family go snowmobiling in yellowstone. We go so far because we just love to ride. Yellowstone has some of the best conditions snowmobiling can get. It would be a shame to stop the tradition.

Organization: Slednecks

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1099 **Comment Id:** 127854 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: we do not want yellowstone park closed for the winter .. its every bit as beautiful in the winter as it is in the summer .. we want to vote for the park to stay open year round for everybody to enjoy.. thank you alan schroeder and family

Organization:

Commenter: alan l schroeder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 209 **Comment Id:** 126566 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven R Thaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128424 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - I am not personally a snowmobiler, however, I believe that it is important to allow a variety of motorized access into the park. Therefore, I feel that snowmobiles should be allowed/evaluated with BAT technology and proper guiding.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1321 **Comment Id:** 129041 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern, I just recently got into snowmobiling and i am hooked. I am planning a trip to Yellowstone park next winter to experience the vast and beautiful park. I have been in the spring many time and now I can only hope i can now see it in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1092 **Comment Id:** 127834 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe the Park should remain open in the winter months to snowmobiles, snow coaches etc, so that winter recreationalist's, tourists etc can view it in it's blanket of frigid beauty. With snowmobiles becoming more and more environmentally friendly every year (quiet and clean four stroke and clean 2 stroke engines). I feel the park should stay open for winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1084 **Comment Id:** 127805 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter use in Yellowstone NP should be for everyone and this includes snowmachiners. Not all people have the wish or the capability to hike or x-country ski this area. While I have never ridden there it is my intention to do so next year, if health issues allow and or if it is still open.

Organization:

Commenter: Patrick M Cedros **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1080 **Comment Id:** 127798 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not take away this wonderful and totally unique way to experience wintertime Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul Nortrom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 824 **Comment Id:** 127302 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone National Park open in the winter to snowmobilers. I had the great opportunity to see the Park this past winter for the first time. I have been thru the park many times in the summer on vacations, but never in the winter. It was awesome!!! I would like to have the opportunity to come back with my family and future grandchildren. I personally did not see any evidence of stress on the animals due to the presence of snowmobilers, in fact, I observed the animals paying more attention to the snow coaches and loud supply transporters than the passing

snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Voight **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 639 **Comment Id:** 126765 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: was very surprised to learn that there is discussion underway to close the park in winter. That would be unfortunate. People value and save what they know and see. To close Yellowstone for the winter would prevent Americans from seeing one of the most beautiful locations in our country at it's most beautiful.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1170 **Comment Id:** 126573 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobilers SHOULD be allowed to share in the beauty that is YELLOWSTONE! all the snowmobiles that past through there every winter cannot emite as much pollution as the millions of summer tourists that pass through each year. With the low emission standards of the newer machines they are just as clean if not cleaner than most vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 125 **Comment Id:** 127534 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: But the fact is, the parks are there to expose the public to the natural beauty that exists there, not to shut them off from it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1167 **Comment Id:** 128093 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep the park open. I am 35 years old and working on a family, my daughter is 1 1/2 years old and we are expecting another here in the next 2 months. My dad has taken me out west

in the winter and we have enjoyed a ride or 2 through the park. I hope to bring my family there and enjoy the same experience that my family has given me when I was growing up.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1167 **Comment Id:** 128094 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I don't think that it is fair that you want to close down the park to snowmobilers. Why is it that you think that they are a problem? Is it just because it isn't something that you like to do? There are plenty of other battles in the world that would be a better source for your time. What type of impact would you be doing to the local business's if you start closing down there winter activities in the area. I am not sure in you know how much money sledders bring into the economy when they show up for a week long trip with a bunch of friends. Well i would just like for you to know that there is a family in ND that would like to start coming out in a few winters to enjoy all that the park has to offer for sledders in the winter months!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129093 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The agency should continue to authorize meaningful diverse options of winter recreational access to Yellowstone. The only constant in the ongoing controversy and ongoing planning over winter use has been the insistence of a relatively small number of visitors that snowmobiles be eliminated from the Park. There is no defensible reason to capitulate to these subjective demands. Science cannot justify their end, for the science has only solidified the conclusion that properly managed snowmobile access has minimal impacts on the natural, physical and even social environment. These findings are based in part on the dramatic and continuing changes in snowmobile technology and daily entries in recent years. It is this evolution toward reasonable and active management that the agency should acknowledge and incentivize in this process. Similarly, the agency should send a strong and decisive message to those who have steadfastly and selfishly maintained that the Park be closed to all snowmobile access.

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129094 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The NOI reflects the initial step in a planning process which will be made more

adaptable and credible through presentation of a robust range of alternatives. History suggests the outcome, whatever it may be, will be challenged by one or more disgruntled interest groups. The Service would be wise to eliminate reasonable dispute over whether a viable alternative was absent from the range available for public review. The focus on 318 daily entries as the foundation of winter use management is problematic from both numeric and conceptual perspectives.

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129095 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We ask that you consider the following components in crafting the range of alternatives that will be presented for public review: (1) Recognition and incorporation of the principles and specific examples of "best available science" cited in the letter dated October 15, 2009, signed by Superintendent Suzanne Lewis. Importantly, that Letter concludes "[t]he perception that snowmobiles are contributing to the vast majority of observed effects, and that those effects would greatly diminish with snowcoaches only, is not supported by the research."

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1162 **Comment Id:** 128083 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: By dint of talk around me here in Switzerland is being discussed to return in 2011 or 2012. If the park is closed to snowmobile I think we will change the destination to explore other sides of the intrigues of nature and other regions grandiose. (The Rockies side Canada, Sweden, Finland or Norway) All that to say that Yellowstone Park is well known outside the United States and only to the destination city was already wanted to see.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 856 **Comment Id:** 127489 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no doubt a reason to maintain the beauty of Yellowstone, and regulation of the numbers and type of snowmobiles can be effective. To eliminate their use altogether is punitive and downright ignorant to a large portion of the taxpaying public. I urge you to consider a regulated use plan as this would serve a larger section of our public in the use of OUR national parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1304 **Comment Id:** 128609 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: to keep snowmobilers from riding in yellowstone would be a tragedy. snowmobiles don't do damage to property like atvs or other motorized vehicles. Yes their are people who abuse use of area but most snowmobilers respect the fact they have a place to ride and cherish it. I've never been to yellowstone snowmobiling but feel any large area that has the snow and area to ride it would be a shame to keep people from enjoying it.

Organization: SAFE

Commenter: scott m fowler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1301 **Comment Id:** 128596 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As a resident of Island Park, I think it very important to our area to keep the park open to snowmobiling.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128073 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my opinion, Yellowstone and all National Parks, should be open to all people for their enjoyment by any means they have available and the Park System, by Congressional mandate should promote this. Aside from no off-road use, a snowmobiler should have all the freedoms any motor vehicle driver has while touring the Park, summer or winter.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1157 **Comment Id:** 128066 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: when i was younger i would go snowboarding 25-30 times a year, a good friend of mine rode snowmobiles, so i bought one. it was a 92 yamaha exiter, i clearly remember the 96 season, it was the best experience I've had, I've been riding every year since then. since that time on that sled i have given up snowboarding and concentrate on riding snowmobiles all that i can. one of my goals is

to ride in yellowstone soon. please don't close this park for one and all of us friendly group of snowmobilers. thank you

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1154 **Comment Id:** 128046 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been riding in the park for years with my family, we enjoy the use of the park both winter and summer I take at least one and sometimes two trips to the park or just a summer ride through it to see where we went during the winter ridding, this has been a family tradition for many years and it would be a great loss to me and my family who look forward each winter to a visit to Yellowstone. It would be a shame to close such a beautiful part of this country that is enjoyed by so many through the winter, think of how much would be missed by so many who look forward to winter just as they do Christmas.

Organization: Corey's Auto Repair & Smog

Commenter: Jim Corey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 846 **Comment Id:** 127426 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Given that recent studies seem to indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience.

Organization:

Commenter: ROBERT G ADAMS **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127407 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My experience in Yellowstone has been wonderful. I have been doing park tours for the last 2 years, in the summer for the Sun Ranch and in the winter for Yellowstone Artic Yamaha. I started my winter guiding as a musher in Jackson Hole, and quickly began to dislike snowmobiles for their smoky output. I used to be concerned about future of snowmobiling in the park, and took my present job with the thought of leaving if I felt too strongly about what I saw. I come from the thought that a National Park should be open to the public to experience at all times of the year, with a multitude of options to attract visitors. My first day on the job I met another guide that told me we had the best jobs in the world, and boy was he right! No matter how many times I have been in the park during the summer, my experience was never better than any particular day in the winters the. The park as seen from a snowmobile gives the winter experience in Yellowstone something that any American would

love to do, and once they do they usually return. I have just been very lucky to be able to work in Yellowstone on a daily basis and the following is what I have experienced.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1295 **Comment Id:** 128233 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Why would you close a park to a class of people that do you no harm? This same group helps keep the town of West Yellowstone alive. They buy product and services that go far beyond West Yellowstone. Maybe it would help to broaden your Horizons. A fellow citizen, tax payer and sled rider

Organization:

Commenter: Dan Stevenson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 931 **Comment Id:** 127830 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We believe that snowmobiling in YNP should be an option for anyone who wants to travel in that fashion. However, the opportunity should be limited so that a quality experience is maintained.

Organization: myself

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126724 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've lived in Bozeman, Montana for more that 28 years, during that time I've visited YNP in excess of 125 times, several of which have been during the winter. We used to visit the interior of Yellowstone on our own snowmobiles without guides which still aren't necessary in my opinion. We took my daughters in when they were very young, I'd like to take my grandchildren and great grandchildren to see Yellowstone by snowmobile in the winter someday.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126729 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As you can tell I'm a strong advocate to keep snowmobiling in Yellowstone and urge you to make a fair decision that won't prevent those of us who love snowmobiling in the park during the winter from doing so at the expense of wildlife and conservation organizations with their millions of dollars trying to urge their total elimination.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1279 **Comment Id:** 128208 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We are very concerned that some day the public will not be able to enjoy the park in the winter and what will come next? No visiting the park in the summer time either? It seems that at every turn we are facing an endless battle for outdoor recreationists with government agencies trying to close down public access to our parks and public lands. I think we all agree that proper land management is a very important issue. Helping to preserve this land for future generations is a wonderful thing if the future generations actually are able to enjoy and access the land in person. What isn't proper management is to close public access and make the public land only viewable and enjoyable via the Internet. You can't smell the fresh air via the Internet.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Bert Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 759 **Comment Id:** 127077 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Enough Time and Money has been spent on the impact of snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park. Previous studies show that snowmobiles do not interfere with wildlife - in fact they benefit from the snowmobile trails, making it easier for them to get around. If visitors in winter use the latest technology I see no reason why you have to limit the number of people in the park. If you have to set a limit on coaches, so be it. The park is meant for "PUBLIC USE" so let's spend the \$\$\$ on something like feeding the homeless. Keep the park open for everyone to enjoy.

Organization: Sussex Sled Bugs

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 904 **Comment Id:** 127290 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: All people should have the right to choose whether they want to participate in a winter activity in the Park, not be told they cannot. If there were less restrictions on where

snowmobiles/coaches could travel in the winter, then people wouldn't be forced to travel through known avalanche areas.

Organization:

Commenter: Amanda N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1306 **Comment Id:** 128617 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I've been to Yellowstone five times during the winter. It is an experience that everyone who would like to can, by whatever means they would like. I'm not against someone walking thru the park, but why should they say I can't ride my sled. The parks were developed for everyone to use not just hikers.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Arlen Wentz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1297 **Comment Id:** 128235 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I first visited Yellowstone during spring break of 1997. My wife and I decided to rent a snowmachine. The access to the beautiful and majestic landscapes was aweinspiring. It actually inspired me to buy snowmobiles and return to Yellowstone one day. I now have two children that are just reaching the riding age. I would love to be able to take them to Yellowstone and experience the beautiful scenery upclose and personal.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1296 **Comment Id:** 128234 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As I have been planning on coming down there to go for a ride after friends went down last winter it would be real sad if this was shut down to snowmobilers. There are many here in Canada that would love to ride this area, and I am sure the revenue from shutting it down will be incredible. I think more time and thought should go into this decision as it has been around forever another year or two into research will not hurt. Snowmobiles are becoming more environmentally friendly as every year passes and too shut the area down on a whim will hurt the whole area economically during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128215 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a true believer that we need to protect our land and wildlife for future generations, but where is the limit?? I feel very strongly that the LIMITED amount of snowmobiles/visitors to the park in the winter is far less of a burden to the park and animals then the spring/summer visitors. The limited amount of snowmobile riders that are currently allowed into the park have to be lead by a guide and must be riding a very eco-friendly sled (4-stroke).

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128218 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family has visited the town of West Yellowstone many times. We love the area in the winter. We have also seen the park in the winter, which is breathtaking! Why would we not be able to still enjoy that winter beauty from the seat of a eco-friendly snowmobile??

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128219 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please consider my request to allow snowmobiles to still tour the park for future generations!! Someday soon, I would love for my 5 year old son to see the park in it's winter beauty!

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1126 **Comment Id:** 127930 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Keep Yellowstone open for Snowmobiling.....

Organization: American

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1125 **Comment Id:** 127928 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: keep the park open to snowmobiling so we all can use it we love the US.

Organization: oconomowoc throttle jockey's snowmobile club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1123 **Comment Id:** 127922 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep the open parts of snowmobiling open in Yellowstone National Park. I am 39 years old and have been enjoying responsible snowmobiling almost every winter in the park since my first family trip there when I was 14. My Mother, Father, Sister, and Brother took our first trip to Yellowstone in 1985. I'll never forget this first ever trip there. I remember it like it was yesterday. Typically, our family take at least 1-2 trips to Yellowstone every year to enjoy the best snowmobiling in the country. We are responsible citizens that abide by the rules and laws of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles D Brickles **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1027 **Comment Id:** 126261 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We have had a wonderful experience on snow mobiles in the park and want to see this opportunity continue.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127369 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the park by snowmobile at least 3 times in winter and treasure those visits as very special and unique. It would be wrong to deprive the public of that wonderful opportunity. I have seen first hand the nonchalance and outright boredom that the animals display toward the snowmachines. To assert that they are disturbed or harmed is ludicrous. Please develop a winter use plan that is favors economical and free access to Yellowstone by all members of the public.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 831 **Comment Id:** 127317 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Our experience covers about 10 trips in the winter over the past 18 years and the enjoyment never gets less. We have use snow coaches on one occasion but like use of the snowmobiles much more. We have rarely seen any problems with wildlife trying to run away as long as we respected them. Please consider continuing to permit over the snow vehicles to have access in future winters so that others can experience the magic of Yellowstone in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1271 **Comment Id:** 128185 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Also limiting winter traffic has severely impacted the town of West Yellowstone in a negative way. I could go on, but I'm sure you have heard it before. Let's use some common sense, and give winter visitors the same respect and the opportunity to enjoy the splendid scenery.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Travis Roddel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1267 **Comment Id:** 128990 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Let American's see their park on their snowmobiles, minimal intrusion to the park grounds protected by FEET of snow

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1266 **Comment Id:** 129011 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please keep our national parks available for usage by all user groups. The exclusion of one user group to grant privileges for another is unfair. These parks are our treasures and should be made available to all citizens. In the lawful means of there choosing. On snow motorized vehicles have minimal impact to the area. Excluding them based on assumptions or personal grudges between users groups should not be an options.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1259 **Comment Id:** 129007 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am only 14 and don't know if i will ever ride in Yellow stone but i would love to. By closing down the park to snowmobiles you are not saving the environment but keeping people from being able to enjoys God's creation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1122 **Comment Id:** 127919 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. To take the ability to ride away from we the people is like taking life and wilderness from the park. The park was originated by the Gov't in 1872 to promote wilderness and the well being of people. Snowmobiling is already strict enough, having to go in with a guide and only use of a 4-stroke. Kill a tree huger save yellowstone!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1097 **Comment Id:** 127852 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In closing, NP lands are for the public to enjoy, this included snowmobilers

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1096 **Comment Id:** 127844 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a big supporter of snow coach use. In fact, I ride the Indian Creek skier shuttle anywhere from 2 to 4 or 5 times each winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1014 **Comment Id:** 126313 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone Park open for snowmobiling. I can accept but do not totally agree with the rules now for the limited number per day and the four stroke sleds.

Organization:

Commenter: David B N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1012 **Comment Id:** 126311 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please allow my family and soon their families to continue to enjoy this park in the winter, and to not bow to those few special interest groups of which some have never even set foot in this wonderful land.

Organization:

Commenter: Blake Cevering **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 829 **Comment Id:** 127314 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I support our local snowmobile and snowcoach operators, the unique experience of snowcoaches and snowmobile excursions can continue to be provided and accessible through staging areas at Old Faithful and Norris, accessing Canyon and Lake to West Thumb and Jackson (south). The numbers allowed for these concessionaires would be determined by 'Park science'. And it would be an available OPTION, not the only choice, by which to visit and experience Yellowstone Park from the West entrance. The lack of access to all visitors, the uncertainty of accessibility due to constant litigation and varied judicial rulings must end.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary S Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127202 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had the privilege of sane participation with sane snowmobile tourism of Yellowstone and other National Parks on numerous occasions over the last 30 years. In a few years I pray I will be allowed to show my now 5-year-old daughter the wonders of Yellowstone by use of my own snowmobiles for tourism.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 67 **Comment Id:** 129524 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Over the 25 years that I have owned it, the past few winters have been the most peaceful and enjoyable because of the absence of obnoxious whine of snowmobiles! I am hopeful the limitation and restrictions on snowmobile use continue while emphasizing the much more eco friendly use of snowcoaches will become permanent and not become the annual political football like it has been the last few years.

Organization: GYC, SIERRA CLUB

Commenter: RICHARD ANDERSON **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1257 **Comment Id:** 129121 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear NPS, I really believe that shutting Yellowstone down for motorized vehicles in the winter is a horrible idea. A lot of riders go there, because it is such a great place to ride. My family and I have been going there since I was just a kid. With the dwindling areas to ride in, Yellowstone is a big a big part in snowmobiler lives. Even if you just kept certain areas open, and closed the rest for the winter. Doing this would at least help the struggle that our sport is going through.

Organization: Alpine Assassins

Commenter: Kolton R Neil **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1257 **Comment Id:** 129123 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I just think it would hurt the park, snowmobile riders, and our sport. So I would really hate to see the park fully close for winter sports. Thank you, Kolton Neil

Organization: Alpine Assassins

Commenter: Kolton R Neil **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1255 **Comment Id:** 129127 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In December of 2009 I visited Yellowstone on a guided snowmobile trip. The trip

was a chance of a lifetime! I have always wanted to see Yellowstone, but am very fearful around crowds (I avoid state parks during the summer). My guide was very knowledgeable in the study of the park, from it's volcanic roots to the wildlife. With our group was a married couple from Australia, who were visiting the U.S. and wanted to experience Yellowstone and snow. We had a fantastic time, as the guide was able to show us areas where the different vents, mud pots, etc were active. In addition, we were able to proceed at a moderate pace, as the current system has a speed regulation (which allowed one to view the surroundings and still remain alert to potential dangers). It was a fantastic time, and I believe that the current system of using the best of breed technology and responsible management will provide enjoyment for others in the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Randy Towry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1254 **Comment Id:** 129128 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We need to keep the park open for all recreational activities. This is the American way and not somebody's idea for saving the park. You need more study time on your decisions and not 1970's input.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1252 **Comment Id:** 126564 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see Yellowstone National Park remain open to snowmobiling. This is a national park that is kept during all seasons for ALL of the people of the U.S. and visitors from other countries. Eliminating the winter activities would be a disservice to the citizens.

Organization: Nishu Bowmen

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1090 **Comment Id:** 127824 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to conclude by saying that I believe maintaining our National Parks is important. I also believe it's important to remember who they are being maintained for. Year after year, snowmobile and ATV riders are faced with the closure of familiar recreational locations. While we continually make efforts to prevent this from happening, closures continue to plague some of our favorite riding areas. Please hear the voice of the people on this issue. Everyone should have the opportunity to see Yellowstone's beauty during the snowy winter months. It's only by using our

National Parks that we can truly appreciate them.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Shade D Ferre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1013 **Comment Id:** 127761 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Hello, I like many others are hearing the bad news how Yellowstone my become impermissible on snowmobiles. Many of the people that protest such closures have no idea what effect it will have on the industry and the cascading effect of " Now this area is closed, what area should we close next". I have many friends that rely on sales of ATV's, snowmobiles ect. for income, this is the last thing we need in these already tough times. I hope myself and others to come can enjoy and respect the Great Outdoors for years to come!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1011 **Comment Id:** 127759 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep snowmobiling and other motorized winter travel available within Yellowstone National Park. Against arguments to the contrary, please consider these points: 1) Everything the park has today has survived less controlled winter recreation in the past 2) Newer snowmobiles are quieter with better emissions than years past (far better) 3) Winter usage is far below that of summer usage.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1009 **Comment Id:** 127758 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not close Yellow Stone park to snowmobiling. Snowmobiling is a family sport and what better way to travel threw a National park than on a snowmobile. I know my kids love traveling threw the forest on our snowmobiles. I have not been to Yellowstone to snowmobile yet, but I to be able to bring my family there some day so they can experience the winter beauty of Yellowstone. Again, please keep the park open to snowmobiles. It is a wonderful way to enjoy the park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 808 **Comment Id:** 127188 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Our most recent visit to Yellowstone National Park occurred in the summer of 2009. Our adult daughters and grandson were on a road trip with us from Washington state to Iowa. The Yellowstone experience can be one of life's most memorable moments when shared with family. Our daughters who have visited the park multiple times including snowmobiling in the winter prior to the current entrance limitations and guide requirements will be sharing there version of the "good old days" with the grandson. At a time when families could "freely roam" through the park on the roads without guide and reservation requirements. This park is definitely not "land of the free" on the seasonal basis. Summer visitors have preferential treatment without limitations and it is crowded that parking spots are insufficient. Millions! Millions of visitors trek through the park in the summer while other season users (spefically winter) are limited to mear hundreds per day in the park. This inequity is not what our forefathers envisioned as "liberty and justice for all".

Organization: Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 807 **Comment Id:** 127186 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park three times in the winter on Cross-country skis, with a guide all three times, and we were transported into the park on a snow coach. These three weeks of my life left me "forever memories" of the wonder of the park. The beauty of the park in winter was almost a spiritual experience. (I had learned to ski just so I could go to Yellowstone in the winter.) Please do not keep us out! We need to retain access to this beautiful place, and the guided trips must be used. Our guides impressed upon us the need to protect the bison from excess activity because of the huge caloric expenditure they experienced in running. We were given many lessons how to minimize the effect we might have on our surroundings--and informed guides and park personnel are essential. But let us continue to use our park!

Organization:

Commenter: Beverly E Bockman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 594 **Comment Id:** 127177 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Winter use of Yellowstone should be every bit as protective as other times of the year and the restriction of the use of any form of transport that would disrupt the natural nature of the park should not be allowed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1241 **Comment Id:** 126496 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to comment on the Yellowstone park Snowmobile ban. I think that the park should be open to all who pay taxes and that means people on snowmobiles to I think that it is fine to regulate how many per day and noise and pollution levels.

Organization:

Commenter: Blake t walker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1236 **Comment Id:** 126507 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have never snowmobiled in yellowstone national park but would like to enjoy it in the near future. thank you

Organization: snowmobile

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1086 **Comment Id:** 127808 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please re-think closing Yellowstone NP to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Lorie H Price **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1085 **Comment Id:** 127806 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This stuff has to stop before it makes us all go broke. I have not, can not, and other statement that I can say where this has a bad effect on anything except for HAVING FUN ON PUBLIC LANDS because it ours not just the Enviros, Keep the park open for everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1008 **Comment Id:** 127756 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I'm not really sure what to say. As a Canadian, it's always been my dream to see as many of the USA's National Parks as I can, and Yellowstone has always been near the top of my list from the time I was a little kid. I'm passionate about the parks, the environment, the wildlife, and most importantly, what the parks represent, which to me, is not only the preservation, but the access to these marvels for every American, and hopefully everyone in the world.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1008 **Comment Id:** 127757 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I'm also a passionate snowmobiler, and I believe that accessing the park via snowmobile is one of, if not the best, way to see a large part of the park with minimal impact. Sadly, most of us do not have the time, werewithal, or physical ability to see as much of park by any other means. I have to believe that there is still room in Yellowstone Park for a continued working relationship with snowmobiles. I believe the NPS must continue to balance access to the parks with the desires of those who would lock them up to the public and restrict access

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1007 **Comment Id:** 127755 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am basically writing in to simply state that Yellowstone is a National Park that should have and maintain access to snowmobiles. Something that needs to be known is that winter travel and summer travel are not the same and effect the environment in different ways. I have been planning on a snowmobile trip to Yellowstone for year, I hope I will be able to eventually do this.

Organization: Holycross Powder Hounds

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1006 **Comment Id:** 127754 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is an efficient and responsible way to experience Yellowstone in the winter, and under proper regulation and given current technology there is no good reason why it would not and should not continue to be. In fact, more than ever before, current technology allows us to have

maximize the experience and minimize the impact. That, combined with responsible regulation, creates a win win situation for all parties. There is really NO reason that there needs to be a loser in this outcome. I am all for regulation in order to protect the resource, but someone needs to stand up and protect snowmobiling as a mode of transportation to visit Yellowstone because it's the right thing to do!

Organization: Various Snowmobile Clubs

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127620 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: That kind of beauty should be accessible for all forever, yes there needs to be rules, but lets not make the rules to unattainable for the majority...who are there to abide by the rules...& enjoy the beauty & splendor that I have been lucky enough to have been a part of... sincerely, julie hendrix & family

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 886 **Comment Id:** 127609 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am very much opposed to further limiting or restricting snowmobile access to Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127597 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not further restrict motorized travel in Yellowstone National Park. The park belongs to the people of the United State of American and restrictions are making it impossible for people to enjoy their park in the manner they would like to. I own an Arctic Cat 4-stroke snowmobile that meets all the requirements for winter use in the park but I can't ride it in the park under today's regulations and guide requirements. There are no guides available to guide individuals or small parties in the park. I do not want to ride with a large group. One of the most enjoyable aspects of seeing Yellowstone in the winter used to be being able to see the park with very few people. Parking lots that are full all summer long were virtually empty during the winter months. You can see park features during the winter in a vastly different way with snow on the ground.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1134 **Comment Id:** 127959 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park is a national treasure that should be open to all - including snowmobilers - to enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert S Schley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1134 **Comment Id:** 127960 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited the Park a number of times with my family and hope to continue to be able to visit via snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert S Schley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 918 **Comment Id:** 127358 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We hope to return again someday with our children and grand children and snowmobile there again. I certainly don't believe I could snow shoe or ski all the way to old faithful and back, as I am not an olympic athlete

Organization: Itasca County Park & Recreation Commission

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 300 **Comment Id:** 127619 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I rode my snowmobile threw yellowstone I think the impact is minamale shore hope my kids can enjoy the same someday

Organization:

Commenter: robert w simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 27 **Comment Id:** 127736 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Allow snowmobiles, snow coaches for ALL into Yellowstone Park

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL5010 Alternatives: Support More Snowmobiles (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 5 **Comment Id:** 126971 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I feel that snowmobiles and snowcoaches should be treated the same. Either ban them all, or allow them all with specific limits. I would like to see an increase in number of snowmobiles to allow for equal number of snowcoach passengers and snowmobile passengers, which would require either dropping snowcoach numbers or preferably increasing snowmobile numbers to around 500 per day.

Organization:

Commenter: Kristina M Daling **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 32 **Comment Id:** 127735 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are less noisy and disruptive than motorcycles, yet the park allows thousands of motorcycles annually, with no restrictions whatsoever. Restrictions on the number of snowmobiles in the winter should be relaxed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1134 **Comment Id:** 127961 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Given that recent studies indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience. Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert S Schley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1273 **Comment Id:** 128188 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hello, I am taking a moment to voice my request to keep Yellowstone open to snowmobiling. Furthermore, I feel that due to the improvement in sound and emission technology, the maximum number of allowable snowmobiles able to gain entrance in a day should INCREASE. I am very passionate about the sport and feel there are far to many restrictions at present, closing the park to snowmobiles is unnecessary. Thank you for your time.

Organization: Northwest Colorado Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1271 **Comment Id:** 128182 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to see more snowmobiles allowed in the park.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Travis Roddel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1090 **Comment Id:** 127816 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The agency could develop some alternatives that would greatly enhance the snowmobiling experience. Please consider increasing the daily limits and modifying the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Shade D Ferre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127604 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please increase the number of snowmobilers allowed in the park. Please do something to allow people to travel in the park without having to rent sleds. Please do something to allow people to travel in the park without being a part of a large, guided group. Develop an online program for people to study and be tested on the park regulations so that they can certify themselves to enter the park without a guide. Being a part of a large group detracts from the experience. I do not expect to be alone in an area of the park during the summer months.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127607 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please increase the number of snowmobilers allowed in the park. Even at the highest numbers you are not approaching summer visitor numbers. It still allows for a very individual experience.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 871 **Comment Id:** 127543 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: National parks are for the enjoyment of the public year round. To this end, I believe that the number snowmobiles allowed in the park should be increased to allow our family to visit West Yellowstone again and insure we can get into the park. As a child I remember riding through the Park with my family, now I can't do that just with my family I need a Guide. Yellowstone is a national park not a wilderness area. I as an individual can get a permit to enter a wilderness area without a guide. I believe the same should be available for the national park areas summer or winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert J Love **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 864 **Comment Id:** 127524 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: More snowmobiles need to be allowed on a daily basis, and limiting the park to guided tours is cost prohibitive to many people. There should be a permit system to allow experienced responsible snowmobilers to travel the park without a guide.

Organization:

Commenter: Guy Webster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1057 **Comment Id:** 127766 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We know sled are better today it is EPA mandated and Testing takes place to assure

this. We know Sled are less loud today it is also mandated. Would like to see this highly educated group respect the efforts made and the added cost that has been bore by the end user and provide an alternative that reflects this and acutualy increased some the historic snowmobiling uses in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 862 **Comment Id:** 127508 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone National Park OPEN to snowmobile use at current or greater levels of use. Snowmobiles have been getting much quieter and cleaner for many years already. There is simply no scientific reason to restrict there use. Thank You. Randall Buss

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 18 **Comment Id:** 129492 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It isn't even about emissions or wildlife anymore because the studies now show the snowmobiles are cleaner and quieter than ever. Greater numbers of snowmobiles won't hurt the park.

Organization: Big Sky Town Center

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1438 **Comment Id:** 128966 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Therefore it is time for a new emphasis on more reasonable, less restrictive regulation of over-snow travel. The daily limits on visits to the part are too low and should be raised to a higher limit.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1491 **Comment Id:** 128697 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Keep the park open to as many snowmobiles as you can!!

Organization: Oregon Recreation Coalition

Commenter: Joni Mogstad **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128803 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 3. We urge the Park Service to consider increasing the snowmobile visitation base number of 318 snowmobiles per day.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128721 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I do feel that snowmobile access should be increased by allowing a higher limit on the daily entrances. This is primarily due to what we have all experienced the last couple of years. You now have better data and science that can support your findings indicating that the park is not in danger.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128259 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Considering the 1000's of vehicles that enter the park in the summer per day, the park roadway system should be capable of safely handling at least 700-1000 snowmobiles per day. This would ensure pollution levels are kept low, most likely less than what is permitted in the summer. Some of the older motorhomes that I have followed in the park in the summer are emitting very high levels of pollutants as they are in poor repair and operating at higher elevations. How is this addressed in the study?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 199 **Comment Id:** 129215 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to encourage the NPS to continue allowing snowmobiles into the park

during the winter season. I would also encourage the NPS to increase the number of snowmobiles permitted in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1584 **Comment Id:** 129617 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: b) Increase the number of snowmobiles allowed in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Marysue Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1655 **Comment Id:** 129955 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please consider expanding the winter numbers of snowmobiles in YNP, giving our privilege to visit unguided back, and making YNP available again to the common American that loves and enjoys our First National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Jim Hobbs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1457 **Comment Id:** 129010 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles should remain a compatible and viable way to visit YNP in the winter. More opportunities should exist not less. Thank you for your consideration of these comments

Organization:

Commenter: Michael E Trumbower **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129933 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: 3. We urge the Park Service to consider increasing the snowmobile visitation base number of 318 snowmobiles per day.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufactures Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 281 **Comment Id:** 127640 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I think that snow machines should be allowed into Yellowstone National Park (YNP). They are already severely restricted. If anything I think that the restrictions should be loosened. It's a big place and there's plenty of room for everybody. It belongs to everybody. Therefore it should be accessible to everyone. It shouldn't be restricted to the elite who choose to travel by skis, snowshoes or foot, they are welcome also.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129625 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Focus of our comments. 1. A viable winter visitation level for these Parks ? "the overall winter visitation level to Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and the Parkway has been decimated over the past years and has been particularly hard hit under the framework of the Temporary Plan. Even though snow coach visitation has increased by 72% since 2001/2002, this equates to only another 8,500 coach visitors. Over this same time period, snowmobile visitation declined dramatically and is still down nearly 64% (over 55,000 visitors). The bottom line is that total winter visitation to Yellowstone remains down nearly 47,000 visitors (over 47%) which equates to nearly \$600,000 in lost entrance revenue annually. At the same time under the Temporary Plan's framework, snowmobile visitation within Grand Teton, the Parkway, and on Jackson Lake has nearly become extinct. Changes are needed to help restore viable winter visitation in these parks."

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129633 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In addition, snowmobiles numbers should be higher than what has been allowed in the temporary rule. In the below comments we explain how the temporary rule has decreased visitation in YNP and created a 'snowball effect' on winter use in the park. We feel there would be no measureable difference of allowing a higher number of snowmobiles into the park. We also feel that more snowmobiles would provide for greater access, especially to the eastside of the park and higher snowmobiles would be shown to be environmentally better than a higher number of snow coaches.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1289 **Comment Id:** 128224 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellow Stone is a National Park and is by mandate to be open to all citizens of the USA for various purposes of recreation, therefore I believe that rather than limit or end winter use of this National Park by snowmobilers, I believe that you should expand use in winter.

Organization: Ski Benders

Commenter: Rudy A Classen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1449 **Comment Id:** 129050 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Otherwise a future congress / administration / courts may approve a return to the limit of 3000+ snowmobiles a day with no access regulation or means of meaningful management tools by the park officials and scientists. This is more than reasonable, as snowmobile use / access is very low impact; but in the spirit and agreement that the park should be less crowded than is can be primarily for the experience and true preservation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1434 **Comment Id:** 129058 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The latest rule limiting the number of snowmobiles to 318 machines a day has crippled all the gate communities. My business alone had to lay off 16 full and part time people. Many left the area had to leave their homes to find work elsewhere and those that stayed had to collecting unemployment insurance, since there were no new jobs in West Yellowstone. This low number is unsustainable for my long term business model, my employees and every business in West Yellowstone. The new long term plan must raise this number significantly to maintain a viable year round economy.

Organization:

Commenter: David McCray **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 794 **Comment Id:** 127167 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone several times, but never in the Wintertime. It is one of the very special things I want to do. Given that recent studies seem to indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience. Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides. This would insure that I, my siblings, my children, and my grandchildren will be able to enjoy the might of a Winter Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 779 **Comment Id:** 127135 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: For the people who are worried about the pollution, look back at the sleds we had when 2 strokes were allowed in the park. The sleds were bad back then and now we have 4 strokes that are cleaner and eco- friendly, there fore, we should allow more than 118 sleds into the park daily at the west entrance. This will bring the cost of renting a sled down and bring more people to Yellowstone. For these reasons, we would be able to afford it and it would help the towns economy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 778 **Comment Id:** 127127 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 1. The 318 snowmobiles a day does nothing but limit the public's access to their property. The 2004 plan is better.

Organization:

Commenter: Wayne R Grim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128775 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The previous management plan took a reasonable approach to snowmobiling, although subsequent analysis indicates daily limits were to low. Snowmobiling in Yellowstone is a delightful, unique and valuable experience. Technology allows us to have that experience and minimize impacts. Guides ensure compliance with all Park Service rules.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128780 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Given that recent studies indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience. Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 328 **Comment Id:** 126526 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While I support some sort of system to control snowmobile traffic in the park, I currently am NOT in favor of the current caps. I feel that they are too LOW and too restrictive.

Organization:

Commenter: David H Doyle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 315 **Comment Id:** 126428 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The 700 plus cap is enough a day what are you trying to do put everybody out of business in West Yellowstone and the park. If there is a guide with them. I would like to see a higher cap.

Organization:

Commenter: Garren Townsend **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1375 **Comment Id:** 128565 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To increase recreational opportunities in the park the number of snowmobiles permitted daily should be at least doubled. If so, I am confident NPS studies will continue to report, "No significant impact."

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1527 **Comment Id:** 129163 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: REQUIRING B.A.T. MACHINES IS GOOD. SNOWCOACHES SHOULD ALLOWED AS WELL. THE NUMBER OF MACHINES ALLOWED IN THE PARK MAYBE SHOULD BE REGULATED, BUT CERTAINLY MORE THAN IS PRESENTLY ALLOWED.

Organization:

Commenter: ROY HOLM **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 424 **Comment Id:** 128593 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: In my conversations with folks I have come to understand that two-cycle snowmobiles were indeed an issue due to health concerns. With the new BAT machines or 4 cycle machines that run much cleaner and quieter It seems much of the legitimate/rationale reason for the debate has subsided. I believe public lands are for the people to enjoy within reason. I would urge the NPS to be much more liberal in the number of snowmobiles allowed into the park and would encourage the NPS to require the use of cleaner quiet machines. I believe the sleds should be restricted to the same roads vehicles are restricted to in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 111 **Comment Id:** 126977 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The Park is so vast that in my opinion 750 to 1000 snowmobiles have no impact at all.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1500 **Comment Id:** 128497 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do not oppose tweaking the snowmobile and snow coach numbers a bit if necessary to make their continued use economically viable in the gateway communities. I would also support adding a few trips to accommodate non-guided sleds operated by individuals who had undergone training in regards to proper behavior.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129357 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The 318 snow machine cap is completely unreasonable and must be increased through the scoping and ultimate winter use decision. Environmental organizations like the Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC) have spent 20 years trying to remove the historic use of snowmobiles from the Park in the winter. The uncertainty of snowmobile use in the Park every winter has caused many people to plan their vacations to other destinations which in turn have reduced the number of snowmobiles and visitors each winter into the Park.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1498 **Comment Id:** 128447 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Another issue that stands is with the park permits for snowmobiles entering the park, as it should be allocated per company, and not though a percentage of income per trip entering the park, as the competition would arise and different companies would bid, and other companies would fight for the permits, the cost for a trip into the park will be though the roof, thus limiting the to a certain amount of people even able to come into the park, closing the park off to people. I do believe that allowing just a few more permits per company, would improve upon the satisfaction of the people and companies.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1498 **Comment Id:** 128449 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: All in all, I think that to improve upon what is current, is to just give maybe 5 more permits per company on snowmobiles to allow for 1 more guided tour per company thus opening the park just that much more to the public, but still conserving it for future generations.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 846 **Comment Id:** 127428 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides

Organization:

Commenter: ROBERT G ADAMS **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1299 **Comment Id:** 128243 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please continue to let me snowmobile there and other places. Make for more snowmobilers to use it and get rid of the guide requirement. Thanks for your time, Mark Porter

Organization:

Commenter: Mark W Porter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 389 **Comment Id:** 126689 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The biggest loss in jobs in that area was caused removing snowmobiles, we have the technology to enjoy the park in the winter which is when Yellowstone is at it best. Bring jobs back to the park and allow snowmobiles to ride in the park again! Allow the use on zero emission vehicles. People will buy whatever you tell them to so they can visit this park in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Roman Freelee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 387 **Comment Id:** 126686 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Because recent scientific studies have demonstrated that over-snow vehicles have no significant impact on wildlife behavior, I hope that the logical conclusion will be reached -- that over-snow vehicle restrictions should be lifted within reason.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert W Clayton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 922 **Comment Id:** 127381 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In fact, with increasing technology for quieter and more efficient machines, I would like to see the amount of snowmobiles INCREASED in the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 906 **Comment Id:** 127326 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I also feel the current limit per day to far too low. It doesn't look like the limit is too restricting now, but it will regain its popularity once people know what to expect year after year.

Organization:

Commenter: Jason Sholley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 337 **Comment Id:** 126580 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a former Yellowstone Park employee at Canyon Village, I never witnessed an over abundance of snowmobiles during the winters of late 80's and the 90's. I believe there should still be the opportunity for experienced snowmobilers to experience the park in the winter, at their own pace without required guides. I do not snowmobile myself anymore, but my own children and their friends are discouraged from going into the park if they have to be in a long line of 1st time riders. So if you continue your guide policy, many local outdoor, winter enthusiasts just don't consider Yellowstone in the winter. This is a shame. Maybe you could consider two different classes of riders. Also increase the number per day considerably.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Herein **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 17 **Comment Id:** 127731 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: As a frequent visitor to Yellowstone, I would like to see more snowmobile operations there, and more snowmobile trail miles.

Organization:

Commenter: Edward E Ronkowski **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 12 **Comment Id:** 127715 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I would like to see MORE snowmobile use in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1233 **Comment Id:** 126510 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles at the highest levels were not harming the environment in the Yellowstone. They should be allowed at least at those levels or somewhat above as data is available to show no damage is being done.

Organization: Interested Voter

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 314 **Comment Id:** 126426 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I totally disagree with the plans to lessen or eliminate snowmobiles. I am not a fan of snowmobiling however I find them less bothersome than the million automobiles in summer and the extremely noisy motorcycles.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan Horan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 309 **Comment Id:** 126419 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Lets try and use some common sense. 318 snowmobiles (guided only) does not make common sense.

Organization: State of Montana - State Senator

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 980 **Comment Id:** 128126 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Continue with the cap on the number of snowmobiles in the park on a daily basis. A cap is a good thing, but should be higher than it currently is.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 879 **Comment Id:** 127572 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: For many westerners (people that live and work within 300 miles of the park) we would love to see either - allowing more snowmobiles in the park without a professional guide OR plow the roads in the park, which is cheaper than the current grooming, to allow vehicles to drive in. We hope all voices will be considered.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1028 **Comment Id:** 126260 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Our rights to enjoy the Yellowstone in the winter must be taken into account. Steps have been taken in years past to limit the number of machines in the park on a daily basis. Those steps are sufficient and should be relaxed if anything.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127366 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Anecdotally, I have spoken to several rangers in Yellowstone who agree with the points made above, especially the intrusiveness of the summer use compared to winter. However, if you must ban snowmobiles to appease the various ignorant and selfish special interest groups, the next best alternative is plowing the road from the west gate to Old Faithful and to Mammoth. Even in that scenario, outfitters could stage snowmobiles at Norris or Old Faithful for visits to Canyon and Lake. I do not believe that snowcoaches are a desirable option because of their terrible fuel efficiency, slow speed and absence of free choice self determination as to where and when to stop by the occupants.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1049 **Comment Id:** 126290 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is one of the shared modes of transportation in Yellowstone NP and private snowmobile access to the park should not be eliminated. The number of snowmobiles allowed into the park is at a minimum and if any changes are made the number of snowmobiles allowed into the park per day should be increased.

Organization:

Commenter: Jens V Steffensen, Jr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 962 **Comment Id:** 128002 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Given that recent studies indicate that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders, it is appropriate for the agency to develop at least one Alternative that enhances snowmobiling experience. Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization:

Commenter: Ladd T Johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1045 **Comment Id:** 126285 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I WISH YOU COULD INCREASE THFE NUMBERE OF SLEDS, SO I COULD EDUCATE MY GRAND KIDS ON THE PROPER WAY TREAT THE PUBLIC LANDS. I AM 68 YEARS OLD AND RUNNING OUT OF TIME. I AM AN AVID SLEDDER, AND TEACH PROPER RESPECT FOR ALL PUBLIC LAND.

Organization: SAN JUAN SLEDDERS

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 939 **Comment Id:** 127455 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The expense related to renting a snowmobile and paying a guide is too great a burden for younger people like myself to bear. Snowmobiling in the park would be my first choice to see it, but, as stated the expense is too great. Further, the low number of snowmobiles allowed makes it hard

to be able to plan and make reservations accordingly.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1037 **Comment Id:** 126302 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please continue accessibility---it is good for the economy and for the overall park experience for the public.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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AL5015 Alternatives: Support Less Snowmobiles (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 1445 **Comment Id:** 128894 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: However, I believe that the management plan should reduce the number of snowmachines in the park; require more environmental sound equipment; and support more environmentally superior snowcoaches. The use of snowcoaches increase the opportunity for interpretation and reduces the disruption to wildlife and the surrounding habitat.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 377 **Comment Id:** 126673 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please limit snowmobile access to the park even more. I've skied the park and prefer not to be bothered by snowmobiles. Snowcoaches provide the opportunity for folks to see the beauty in a less intrusive way.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 854 **Comment Id:** 127479 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that use of snowmobiles should be further minimized and those which are allowed should be of the highest technological level to minimize noise.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott Swanson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 640 **Comment Id:** 126767 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I wish the park service to endeavor to minimize irritations to wildlife during the winter season in Yellowstone Park. I am particularly concerned about the noise and pollution impact of snowmobiles.

Organization: public citizen

Commenter: Barbara McClain **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 901 **Comment Id:** 127268 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: More than 250 snowmobiles per day is excessive if we really care about environmental impact.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holtz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 261 **Comment Id:** 127542 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe that there must be a reduction in snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park - for the sake of air quality, peacefulness and serenity in recreation, and mainly for the well-being of all the wildlife. Please eliminate the snowmobiles altogether - or at least reduce the numbers considerably.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 99 **Comment Id:** 129438 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please limit snowmobile use in Yellowstone due to noise and air pollution!!

Organization:

Commenter: Donna Carr, M.D. **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1256 **Comment Id:** 129014 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: One of the best experiences of my life (I am now 64) was cross country skiing in Yellowstone Nat'l Park. We packed in lunch, saw buffalo, wolves, and witnessed the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone in all its majesty of snow and ice. However, the deafening noise of the numerous snow mobiles was so unwelcome that I have decided to write this note to you to try to influence you to limit even more the use of these irritating vehicles in our wonderful Nat'l Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Joan E Gaughan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 515 **Comment Id:** 126465 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Only than should the winter access be allowed with less snowmobiles that previous and more of the snow coach.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 971 **Comment Id:** 128038 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Therefore, I was so encouraged when I learned of the snowcoach opportunity, which allows people to experience the park even as snowmobile use was being cut back. Please continue to promote snowcoach use and limit snowmobiles as much as possible!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 508 **Comment Id:** 126401 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Hello, the idea of snowmobile use in such a place is appalling. The noise, the pollution, the potential harassment of animals. Why would it even be considered, much less allowed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 187 **Comment Id:** 129221 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider not allowing or highly restricting use of snowmobiles in the park; thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126712 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Those that typically come in on snowmobiles are not interested in the park - they are interested in riding the snowmobiles, and do not respect the park or its wildlife. Many are self-described "sled-heads" and proud of it. Unfortunately, as much as the guides try to stop this (which they typically don't, since that usually means losing their tips), they have no power or authority over their clients and end up hoping that there is no major crash. I have personally seen guides ignoring their riders who are "goofing off" and breaking rules because it is not worth their time and effort to try to stop behavior of guests who have shown all day that they don't care about the park. Riders are constantly falling behind just so that they can break speed limits to catch up or fishtail corners; they are having "races" while driving and passing each other on blind curves and moving into opposing lanes. They are letting 9yr/olds drive and blatantly ignoring their guides. I have seen groups not care about seeing animals; I have seen people stay behind at geyser basin walks. All they want to do is to ride - ride fast, ride in the powder, ride off-road, ride for the sake of riding. There are plenty of opportunities for these riders all around the park in the National Forest; the park doesn't need to (and shouldn't) keep the park open to snowmobiles for those that don't care.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 180 **Comment Id:** 129251 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We feel that the snowcoach tours should be the primary source of travel. This type of vehicle, in our opinion, limits the detrimental risks. It offers more control for the Park Service as tour operators are better able to handle the actions of their group. If snowmobiles are allowed to continue, their numbers should be reduced a bit from current limits and the ratio of guides to tourists should be increased.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1519 **Comment Id:** 128302 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have skied across Yellowstone 2 times in the winter. My group tried to stay off the main highways as much as possible to experience the winter solitude. We also had to use the roads and had no solitude there. I am in favor of minimal snowmobile use. It appears that most snowmobilers are interested in the thrill of riding their snowmobiles and do not truly appreciate the beauties of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard L Henke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 399 **Comment Id:** 126736 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my opinion, the snow coaches better serve the Park and the public. More people can enjoy the park with less traffic, noise, and pollution. I must admit that the newer snowmobiles are much cleaner than the older ones; however, there is something to say about fewer numbers of vehicles on the roads. I believe that the number of snowmobiles allowed in the Park at any one time should not be increased and should remain the same as for the winter 2009/2010, and each group must have a Park guide.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 712 **Comment Id:** 126886 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I think that the use of snowmobiles in the park should be much reduced for the health of the wild animals. Snowmobiles emit gases which harm the air quality of the park. Too many snowmobiles' noise and action put pressure on the wildlife which is already stressed because of the difficulties of surviving in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 518 **Comment Id:** 126470 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am writing to urge that Yellowstone Park protect the air, the quiet, and the wildlife in winter by using snow coaches as the primary way visitors experience the park and heavily regulating access by snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1495 **Comment Id:** 128516 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles in Yellowstone during winter should be limited to getting to and from lodging, low-impact drop-offs of skiers and other visitors via snowcoach at selected locations, and search/rescue operations.

Organization:

Commenter: Allen J Monroe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 666 **Comment Id:** 126810 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the Park Service coming around to curtailing noisy, air-polluting snowmobiles in Yellowstone. They are an anomaly. They interfere with wildlife, they are expensive, they are inconvenient for the riders and for others.

Organization:

Commenter: Grant W Barnard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 703 **Comment Id:** 126878 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snow coach is a good method of transport to get into the park, so the limit on numbers per day should be left in place. The snowmobiles should be even more limited in numbers/day.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 156 **Comment Id:** 129259 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider removing or severely limiting the amount of machine driven equipment that is allowed into this park or any National park.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul A Hoffman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 87 **Comment Id:** 129457 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Let's focus on doing what's best for America's greatest idea and limit the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Philip S Chiaviello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 365 **Comment Id:** 126643 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have watched this process unfold over the last decade, and have been a supporter of eliminating the high concentration of snowmobiles accessing YNP in the winter. However, was very discouraged with the end result being the alternative of snowcoaches - not a useful option - limiting access to YNP to the privileged few able to pay the high cost of such an option. Thank you for your efforts with this important process.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 743 **Comment Id:** 127054 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If the NPS can't eliminate their use, it should do all it can to mitigate the adverse effects of these vehicles. 1. Allow only 4 cycle engines. (2 cycle engines are very dirty.) 2. Limit the noise that each machine can emit. 3. Limit the number of snowmobiles allowed in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Reis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 229 **Comment Id:** 127666 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snow machines should be very limited in the parks especially Yellowstone Park.

Organization: Bighorn Audubon Society

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 115 **Comment Id:** 126961 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I think having cars traveling these roads would be better than the load snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Jonathan G Way **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 320 **Comment Id:** 126440 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Of course 318 snowmobiles per day is overly generous IF you care about these other vital issues you SAY you care about: "air quality and visibility, wildlife, natural soundscapes, employee and visitor HEALTH And SAFETY, visitor experience and socioeconomics". These are all VITAL to the long-term Yellowstone experience that MOST people come to Yellowstone for. Most people sure don't come to listen to the incessant drone of snowmobiles and are thoroughly disgusted by having to smell their horrid smell full time!! But those snowmobiles should absolutely be commercially guided, ALL of them! These ideas should be definitely considered when preparing your winter use plan and environment impact statement for Yellowstone. I would like to KNOW that people to the 7th generation could enjoy the Yellowstone I have enjoyed, traveled in, worked in, and treasured for my lifetime essentially in the same form with the wildlife and eco-systems still intact.

Organization:

Commenter: Maxine Morrise **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1422 **Comment Id:** 128428 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: El Sendero-NCW, a Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe club based in Wenatchee, WA would like to see the NPS greatly reduce or eliminate the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone NP. The NPS is mandated to maintain the parks in a pristine and natural setting for users to enjoy. Allowing the current situation of hundreds of snowmobiles into the park on a daily basis is in direct contrast to the NPS mandate. We support the reduction or elimination of all snowmobile use within the park boundary and the continued preservation of the parks naturally quiet winter environment.

Organization: EL SENDERO-NCW

Commenter: GUS W BEKKER **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 453 **Comment Id:** 129198 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We do not believe that any one subset of the American populace has the right to monopolize and ruin outdoor natural experiences for others. Therefore, we believe that snowmobile use in National Parks should be severely curtailed so that other people can enjoy its beauty and nature, like bison (who are often harassed by snow mobile users), in peace and quiet.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 426 **Comment Id:** 128600 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I commend the Park Service for reducing the number of snowmobiles allowed in Yellowstone Park. Some years ago I have ridden snowcoaches from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and found snowmobiles to be detrimental to my visit, noisy, smoky and in far too many numbers. It is much better now.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128371 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Limiting snow machine use significantly and curtailing the use of 2 cycle engines in the park forever seem like totally reasonable ways to preserve and prolong the natural beauty of Yellowstone for generations to come.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1488 **Comment Id:** 128181 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please restrict the uses of oversnow vehicles because the noise and air pollution ruins the wilderness experience and disturbs sensitive wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128627 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Superintendent Suzanne Lewis Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190 Dear Superintendent Lewis: As a concerned citizen who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 719 **Comment Id:** 126994 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I recently watched a program on Christmas in Yellowstone and am considering bringing my whole family (children and grandchildren) for Christmas next year. One of the reasons I may decide against it is the presence of snowmobiles. If people can arrive by snowcoach, I hope the National Park Service will place a higher priority on the needs of wildlife, clean air and a quiet experience rather than people's desire to go everywhere and see everything at the expense of a beautiful natural experience.

Organization: GYC; NPCA; NRDC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 451 **Comment Id:** 129200 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I strongly urge you to severely limit the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. This park is one of our great national treasures, and pollution from gas engines degrades the winter experience and threatens the wildlife. Snow coaches are a far better alternative to snowmobiles.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Bruce W Raskin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 944 **Comment Id:** 127476 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Such preservation should include limitations on the amount of winter traffic that

traverses this park. I would strongly support any park action that limits the use of snowmobiles during the winter season and would also like to see the amount of snow bus traffic limited and restricted in a way that does not damage the park landscape or adversely affect its wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul Antsen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1323 **Comment Id:** 128977 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please increase snowcoaches and reduce individual snowmachines. Snow coaches offer more opportunity for interpretation and communicating the unique experience of Yellowstone and of winter. They also reduce disruption of wildlife, and are safer. By having plenty of snowcoaches to bring people in, not only those who are able to afford, or able to operate, personal snow machines, will be increasingly able to visit.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 499 **Comment Id:** 128778 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: When leaf-blowers are in use at my neighborhood park, I have to bike to a park further away. If snowmobiles are in use in Yellowstone, there isn't some other park I can go to to experience its unique wonders.

Organization: Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS

Commenter: William E Fraser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 667 **Comment Id:** 126813 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are the worst air polluters and noise polluters during the winter months, they also make a huge impact on the environment, please consider reducing their use. thank you

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 660 **Comment Id:** 126795 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please limit snowmachines as strictly as possible: they are not in keeping with the mission of the National Park Service to preserve and protect.

Organization:

Commenter: lili simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 928 **Comment Id:** 127409 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We must limit snowmobiles and their intrusive noise and air pollution. Snow coaches would reduce negative impacts and stressors on wildlife.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 205 **Comment Id:** 126478 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The snowmobiles disrupt just about everything. Please do all you can to minimize their use in the Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Chas Ferris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 372 **Comment Id:** 126661 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The subject of motorized use in winter has been the focus of much controversy. Gateway communities, States rights, concessionaire contracts, the snow mobile industry, environmental protectionism, all have agendas without compromise. From my experience this winter it appears to me that the interim plan is approaching that middle ground that provides for a quality experience for visitors, lowered impact to resources, and fiscal success for tour and concession operators. I would suggest the following points for the motorized portion of the winter use plan: 1. Reduce maximum # of all motorized use by 20%.

Organization:

Commenter: andy steele **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 188 **Comment Id:** 129220 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It appears to me that "we have come a long way" toward much more "responsible" use of winter recreation opportunities there. I support the use of "snow coaches" and other forms of "bus and multiple passenger" type of vehicles. The individual snow mobiles, not so much. The only way I see this use being responsible is with VERY LIMITED numbers, and only with "strictly regulated and enforced" GUIDED TOURS. Honestly, I'd like to see no ordinary snow mobiles at all, but I'm afraid "commercialization of a sport" for a long period now has made it impossible to stop such usage. (it seems to me "we" (you) have allowed a commercialized/mechanized "sport" to over-ride reasonable "recreation.") Thank goodness today's snow machines are so much "cleaner" and quieter than before.

Organization:

Commenter: Harry Sisson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 19 **Comment Id:** 126939 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: If plowing is not an option, then I support the lower cap on the daily number of machines allowed in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol Anderson Barney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1556 **Comment Id:** 129057 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: There are snowmobiles all over the Big Horns and Black Hills. They seem to be everywhere. The National Parks are on a short list of places where a skier or snowshoer can get away from the noise and pollution of snowmobiles. Please preserve the peace and quite in Yellowstone as those things are getting harder to find.

Organization:

Commenter: Chrintina A Henke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 126965 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: The permitted number of individual over-snow users is currently TOO HIGH!, and should NOT be sustained. Even visitation by snowcoaches should be controlled and limited so as to provide quiet, low-density use, preservation of quiet, and quality interpretation by qualified NPS personnel.

Organization: CNPSR NPCA

Commenter: Don H Castleberry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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AL5020 Alternatives: Support More Snowcoaches (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 855 **Comment Id:** 127482 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have written before on this subject. I would like to see Yellowstone completely free of individual snowmobiles. They do not need this pristine area to frolic in. There are plenty of other areas close to and around the park to use. The West Yellowstone vendors do not care about keeping the park as it should be. I would like to see more snow coaches used in the future for those that care about the park and especially for Winter Use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128648 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The National Park Service is mandated to incorporate the best sound science into its management decisions. Four previous studies have concluded that the phase-out of snowmobile use and the expansion of snowcoach use is required to meet this mandate. I urge you to implement a winter use plan that considers all the above. Sincerely, Maureen Farrell

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 547 **Comment Id:** 126814 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: By minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129293 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Establishing a provision for snowcoach numbers to increase at the end of the 2013 contract.

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 518 **Comment Id:** 126470 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am writing to urge that Yellowstone Park protect the air, the quiet, and the wildlife in winter by using snow coaches as the primary way visitors experience the park and heavily regulating access by snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1583 **Comment Id:** 129811 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Provision should also be made for snowcoach numbers to increase at the end of the 2013 contract, depending on the trends of the future. Further, I believe that large snowcoaches that carry over 20 passengers should be required to have some type of small drag device to pull behind them as a self-grooming tool to help fill the huge ruts caused by the extreme size and weight of these vehicles. The ruts left by these huge snowocaches are a safety hazard to people traveling by snowmobile. These machines should be expected to mitigate their impact, particularly on soft, non-compacted snow. This concern was also addressed in Suzanne Lewis' October 15, 2009 Response to Form Comment Letters where she stated, "In the 1990's, snowcoaches averaged about 15 vehicles per day. In 2007-2008, coaches peaked at about 60 per day. With this growth in numbers, and the increase in larger, heavier coaches, park staff observed rutted, torn-up snow roads from snowcoach use".

Organization: Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha

Commenter: F. W Howell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1584 **Comment Id:** 129618 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: c) Increase the number of snowcoaches allowed in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Marysue Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129560 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Increase snowcoach numbers if usage warrants by the end of the 2013 contract.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 387 **Comment Id:** 126686 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Because recent scientific studies have demonstrated that over-snow vehicles have no significant impact on wildlife behavior, I hope that the logical conclusion will be reached -- that over-snow vehicle restrictions should be lifted within reason.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert W Clayton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1323 **Comment Id:** 128977 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please increase snowcoaches and reduce individual snowmachines. Snow coaches offer more opportunity for interpretation and communicating the unique experience of Yellowstone and of winter. They also reduce disruption of wildlife, and are safer. By having plenty of snowcoaches to bring people in, not only those who are able to afford, or able to operate, personal snow machines, will be increasingly able to visit.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 971 **Comment Id:** 128038 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Therefore, I was so encouraged when I learned of the snowcoach opportunity, which allows people to experience the park even as snowmobile use was being cut back. Please continue to promote snowcoach use and limit snowmobiles as much as possible!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 911 **Comment Id:** 127921 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Provision should also be made for snowcoach numbers to increase at the end of 2013 contract.

Organization: West Yellowstone Snowmobile and Snowcoach Operators

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 515 **Comment Id:** 126465 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Only than should the winter access be allowed with less snowmobiles that previous and more of the snow coach.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL5025 Alternatives: Support Less Snowcoaches (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 372 **Comment Id:** 126661 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The subject of motorized use in winter has been the focus of much controversy. Gateway communities, States rights, concessionaire contracts, the snow mobile industry, environmental protectionism, all have agendas without compromise. From my experience this winter it appears to me that the interim plan is approaching that middle ground that provides for a quality experience for visitors, lowered impact to resources, and fiscal success for tour and concession operators. I would suggest the following points for the motorized portion of the winter use plan: 1. Reduce maximum # of all motorized use by 20%.

Organization:

Commenter: andy steele **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 126965 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: The permitted number of individual over-snow users is currently TOO HIGH!, and should NOT be sustained. Even visitation by snowcoaches should be controlled and limited so as to provide quiet, low-density use, preservation of quiet, and quality interpretation by qualified NPS personnel.

Organization: CNPSR NPCA

Commenter: Don H Castleberry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 365 **Comment Id:** 126643 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have watched this process unfold over the last decade, and have been a supporter of eliminating the high concentration of snowmobiles accessing YNP in the winter. However, was very discouraged with the end result being the alternative of snowcoaches - not a useful option - limiting access to YNP to the privileged few able to pay the high cost of such an option. Thank you for your efforts with this important process.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 71 **Comment Id:** 129450 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please phase out individual snowmobiles in Yellowstone. Snowcoaches should be the only motorized vehicles permitted in the winter, and even their numbers should be restricted.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: David G Crow **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127708 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter in Yellowstone does offer distinctive opportunities from those of other seasons. But some values, such as quietude, are fragile and can easily be lost when quantity of visitation is strived for, rather than quality of visitor experience. Therefore, I suggest daytime visitor use be strictly limited. Day trips on snowmobiles, either guided or unguided can be better accommodated on maintained US Forest Service, and private lands outside the national park. Overnight visitor use should be limited by the park concessionaire reduced winter accommodations, such as Old Faithful. These would be by reservation, and serviced by Snowcoach, from Mammoth. Very limited sightseeing trips by Snowcoach may be permitted.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 546 **Comment Id:** 126805 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: This includes no more snowmobiles and less snowcoaches in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Damian Stoy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128143 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Switching to snowcoaches alone should only be done if snowcoaches are retrofitted or newly manufactured to meet BAT specifications, including decibel and emissions level requirements. Many of the snowcoaches currently used in the park are ancient, use as much gas per passenger (or more) than snowmobiles, and are responsible for the majority of loud motorized sounds in the park. Additionally, snowcoaches disturb wildlife, and present a larger visual presence than snowmobiles. However, I understand that my suggestion of completely non-motorized use in the park is likely not to happen, therefore, BAT equipped snowcoaches, and a limited number of them, is the best motorized option.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 364 **Comment Id:** 126640 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some advocate banning snowmobiles and only allowing snowcoaches. I do not follow that logic. There is nothing magical about snowcoaches. They are big and are noisier than the BAT snowmobiles. I think the present combination of allowing both is a good plan, again, the critical element being the limit on how many snowmobiles can come in.

Organization:

Commenter: orville e bach **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 941 **Comment Id:** 127858 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowcoach numbers should be reduced. It takes more fuel(and emissions) to get people around in a coach than the same number of people on snowmobiles. Coaches cause the need for more grooming, as they seriously deteriorate road conditions. When coaches break down, an entire new coach needs to be brought in, and many times a maintenance vehicle to repair the coach.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 939 **Comment Id:** 127461 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are a good alternative for some people, but I don't think that's the best alternative for everyone. The poor fuel economy of the coaches speaks for itself. 1 to 4 miles per gallon of fuel is unacceptable for the main mode of transport through the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 565 **Comment Id:** 127240 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I support banning private snowmobiles and limiting the numbers of Park run snowmobiles in Yellowstone Nat'l.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary C Koltze **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129314 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please phase out snowmobiles and be cautious about the levels of snow coaches, even though they are better than snowmobiles in some ways.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1552 **Comment Id:** 128995 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Additionally, use of snow coaches should not be expanded, but reduced.

Organization:

Commenter: Molly Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1495 **Comment Id:** 128516 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles in Yellowstone during winter should be limited to getting to and from lodging, low-impact drop-offs of skiers and other visitors via snowcoach at selected locations, and search/rescue operations.

Organization:

Commenter: Allen J Monroe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128371 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Limiting snow machine use significantly and curtailing the use of 2 cycle engines in the park forever seem like totally reasonable ways to preserve and prolong the natural beauty of Yellowstone for generations to come.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1488 **Comment Id:** 128181 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please restrict the uses of oversnow vehicles because the noise and air pollution ruins the wilderness experience and disturbs sensitive wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 944 **Comment Id:** 127476 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Such preservation should include limitations on the amount of winter traffic that traverses this park. I would strongly support any park action that limits the use of snowmobiles during the winter season and would also like to see the amount of snow bus traffic limited and restricted in a way that does not damage the park landscape or adversely affect its wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Paul Antsen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 20 **Comment Id:** 126941 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Snowcoaches should only be used for delivering tourists from gateways into the snowlodge area, not used for taking tourists on extended trips around the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1544 **Comment Id:** 129386 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The issue for me as a naturalist is to protect Yellowstone and all our National Parks. Is the snowcoach the answer? I wonder if snowcoaches will reduce the disruption to wildlife by bringing more visitors into the park. Many people litter and are loud. Although the snowcoach experience to date may look positive toward advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet, would people in snowcoaches have to stay inside them or would they be run like the vehicles at the Grand Canyon? Although snowcoaches may allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience winter in Yellowstone, will people be herded? Will these buses be handled more like tour groups? How can I be independent of times and schedules to photograph? How expensive will these buses be? What kind of fuel, how green will they be? Will they be, "This is a wonderful opportunity to protect Yellowstone's resources while assuring visitors are able to enjoy and participate?" Are you looking at the plan as a revenue making way or a truly conservation plan? I urge you to look at all the angles in developing a winter use plan. Even though The National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency's studies have concluded: "that snowcoach access would provide public motorized access to Yellowstone while having the lowest impact on air quality, water quality, natural soundscapes and wildlife ? while presenting the lowest risk of visitor and National Park Service staff health and safety," maybe less is more.

Organization: Memories by Marne, Photography

Commenter: Marlene Morris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 392 **Comment Id:** 126699 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 2. SNOWCOACHES The mattracks have many advantages, but they are not by far the perfect vehicle. They are obtrusively large, noisy, fuel consuming vehicles that have steps that are difficult for the elderly. They absolutely pulverize the snow on the road such that it does not set up properly when groomed. The size and weight of some of these units allow them to grind up the snow right down to the pavement. Surely, technology can produce a better winter vehicle than these!

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Sloan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 128382 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Sure maybe one route that a snow coach can take for less agile folks but NO SNOWMACHINES!!!

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 379 **Comment Id:** 126676 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: reduce the number of the big noisy polluting snow coaches

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 320 **Comment Id:** 126441 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snow coaches are certainly a fine alternative but again 78 per day seems overly generous. And as soon in the spring as wheeled vehicles can travel safely around the park on certain roads they should be let in.

Organization:

Commenter: Maxine Morrise **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL5030 Alternatives: Support Snowcoach Only (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 234 **Comment Id:** 127375 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: So, my recommendation is to keep winter roads for tracked vehicles only, ditch snowmobiles, and try to make snowcoaches more efficient and lower costs for a winter visit.

Organization:

Commenter: Leslie J Quinn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1536 **Comment Id:** 129151 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please recommend an alternative that eliminates snowmobiles and expands the use of snowcoaches. Snowcoaches have proved popular with visitors, and they don't have the impacts of snowmobiles. They are already being used by visitors to watch the wolves, elk, and trumpeter swans for which Yellowstone is renowned. Visitors use them to reach trailheads for their own exploration on skis and snowshoes. It's time to build up these visitor activities and get rid of snowmobiling.

Organization:

Commenter: Betsy Shade, M.D. **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 367 **Comment Id:** 126648 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Park Service is mandated to incorporate the best sound science into its management decisions. Four previous studies have concluded that the phase-out of snowmobile use and the expansion of snow coach use is required to meet this mandate. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important matter for Yellowstone National Park

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 460 **Comment Id:** 129193 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Encourage the use of snow coaches in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization: Member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126715 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Without harping on this point, I believe that winter use in Yellowstone should continue to include the guided snowcoach tours but no snowmobiles. The majority of those on snowmobiles just do not respect the park as they should, and unfortunately that opportunity needs to be removed. The park has given snowmobiles multiple opportunities in the park, and as the restrictions have tightened to try and reign in the snowmobiles, the snowmobilers have pushed back and not been respectful and still try to ignore the restrictions. I believe the park has given them enough chances and at this time needs to remove snowmobiles from winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 645 **Comment Id:** 126774 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please eliminate snowmobiles in the yellowstone park. They pollute the environment and scare animals. Snowcoaches are a nice alternative that are environmental.

Organization:

Commenter: Liz Scranton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127707 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Except for a very limited use of snow coaches, and the official use of snowmobiles for emergencies, I can think of no options for motorized vehicles which are consistent with the purpose of the National Park Service. Of course, the purpose could be changed by Congress, so the parks could have unlimited snowmobile as well as other recreational use such as skidoos and water skiing. These are all fine recreational activities, but inappropriate in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The adjacent Forest Service and private lands are much more appropriate for the development and management of snow mobiles winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 579 **Comment Id:** 126856 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please use snowcoaches and eliminate the snowmobiles and any other intrusive vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Meg Madden **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 61 **Comment Id:** 129443 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have taken the snowcoach tour in Yellowstone in January and it was a very good experience but it would have been even better had we not encountered numerous snowmobile riders the were probably responsible for keeping wildlife at a distance. I think a national park should provide activities that maximize safe exposure to wildlife while minimizing air and noise pollution. Therefore I

am in favor of phasing out snowmobiles and replacing them with the snowcats as the preferred means for park visitors to enjoy the beauty of the park and wildlife that make it their home.

Organization: Defenders of Wildlife

Commenter: Normandie K Mindheim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 884 **Comment Id:** 127594 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Personally, I would argue to eliminate snowmobiles, simply because of their noise, and permit more snow coaches. If the science shows that a limited number of snowmobiles can be tolerated by the wildlife, then I can live with such. (I don't have to like it, but then, this is not about what I like.)

Organization:

Commenter: Roger A Jenkins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 576 **Comment Id:** 127222 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The only method I've learned about which would adequately address all those objectives is to allow snowcoaches in parts of the park, but not other types of on-snow motorized vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew G Webb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 557 **Comment Id:** 126831 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I support the position of The Greater Yellowstone Coalition on Winter use in YNP.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 554 **Comment Id:** 126830 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I was a part of a group protesting the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone in Feb. 2003. The protest was at the Park. Since then, I have continued to campaign against snowmobiles

there, and to support use of snow coaches.

Organization: Great Old Broads for wilderness

Commenter: Sara M Holup **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 323 **Comment Id:** 126456 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The snowcoaches with commercial guides appear fine; as, we assume they stay on the roads. Yellowstone National Park is a treasure and should be treated with the upmost care, respect, and responsibility. I urge you to resist pressure from the snowmobiles lobbying.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holcomb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 339 **Comment Id:** 126588 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Thus, I would urge that we let the commercial interests convert to snowcoaches ? they turn their snowmobiles over every year in any case. They will have an exceptional experience to offer, still, and those who want to fly around in the snow can do so outside of the YNP. As we all know, there are thousands of acres beyond the borders of the Park for that kind of recreation! Thank you!

Organization:

Commenter: Elise M Prayzich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1263 **Comment Id:** 129117 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In supporting the scoping notice's objectives to provide public access while protecting Park resources, I urge NPS to include as part of this public comment my reference to the recent report of the Winter Wildland Alliance that quantitatively establishes the rapid expansion of motorized winter use access across the West at the cost of the shrinking access to winter landscapes of silence and comradry for those of us who seek human-powered experiences. Numerous studies, as NPS knows, have established that continued snowmobile use causes adverse impacts to air, silence, and wildlife and that these can be minimized with changes in access and use. Snowcoaches are one clear alternative, and I, along with thousands of other winter visitors, have enjoyed the snowcoach experience to access quiet trails in the park during winter.

Organization: Winter Wildland Alliance

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 501 **Comment Id:** 126347 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 501 **Comment Id:** 126348 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 501 **Comment Id:** 126349 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 371 **Comment Id:** 126659 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my perfect world, there would be no snowmobiles allowed in Yellowstone, only BAT snow coaches. I thought it important to make this statement, though I am willing to compromise as stated above. But... 318 is the maximum.

Organization: please uncheck member

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 569 **Comment Id:** 126844 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I urge you to adopt a permanent plan for winter access (transition to snowcoach) which protects the park.

Organization:

Commenter: lynn patrick doyle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 245 **Comment Id:** 127321 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: If compromise dictates the permitting of motorized winter vehicles, LET THEM BE CAREFULLY REGULATED SNOWCOACHES.

Organization:

Commenter: Teddy W Roe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 245 **Comment Id:** 127322 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: IF SNOWMOBILE PEOPLE WISH TO VISIT THE PARK, LET THEM SIT BESIDE ME ON EQUAL TERMS IN A LOW-NOISE, PROFESSIONALLY OPERATED SNOWCOACH.

Organization:

Commenter: Teddy W Roe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126861 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems evident that snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. We found these to be a perfectly adequate method of obtaining access to the heart of the park during our winter trip, and will use them again. Given the weather extremes in the park, snowcoaches provide safer access for visitors; and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126862 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am sensitive to the issues that local businesses have raised about employment and revenue. However the park's management must take a broader view. We now have a wonderful opportunity to craft protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 100 **Comment Id:** 129409 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please help protect it by banning snowmobile use and providing snowcoaches for the access and enjoyment of everyone.

Organization: private citizen and user of the national parks

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1317 **Comment Id:** 127702 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: While I appreciate the improvements that have been made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, I think that plan stopped short of completely replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1317 **Comment Id:** 127705 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Since the National Park Service is mandated to incorporate the best sound science into its management decisions and since four previous studies have concluded that the phase-out of snowmobile use and the expansion of snowcoach use is required to meet this mandate I'm puzzled as to why we are going through another round of public comment.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1317 **Comment Id:** 127706 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: The decision to ban snowmobiles and allow limited access via environmentally superior snowcoaches should be made this year.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 973 **Comment Id:** 128047 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: However, I feel it stopped short of the ultimate goal of replacing snow mobiles with snow coaches. Among the many benefits of snow coaches are: they will minimize motorized vehicles in the park, provide safer access to people of all ages and abilities, reduce wildlife disruption, and are more cost effective than snow mobiles. In my opinion they are the best answer to provide an equal experience of the snow mobile without disruption of the natural, peaceful, state of this magnificent park.

Organization: Snow Lands

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 630 **Comment Id:** 126758 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The least polluting method of access should be used to protect a great National Park. It appears access via snowcoach is that method.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert M Brosius Jr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 483 **Comment Id:** 129114 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I am very concerned about the negative impacts motorized vehicles, especially snowmobiles have caused in Yellowstone National Park. The impacts should be minimized as much and as soon as possible. Please phase snowmobiles out of Yellowstone Park. Snowcoaches offer a far

better alternative for winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Deborah Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 481 **Comment Id:** 129184 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am strongly in favor of keeping all non-emergency snowmobiles out of Yellowstone. As a photographer that has spent many days in the park in winter, I have experienced the loud sounds of even the most current snowmobiles as well as smelling the noxious fumes. Both are out of touch with the character and purpose of the park. Snowcoaches only please.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 279 **Comment Id:** 127653 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I realize that Yellowstone is an unique place in the winter and we should ensure that certain parts of the park are accessible year-round. But this access can be accomplished in snow coaches so that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy this resource.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 65 **Comment Id:** 129437 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches and phase out snowmobile access once and for all. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 59 **Comment Id:** 129449 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I just plead with you that in making permanent rules for winter use, you incorporate the best and already available science in protecting Yellowstone's air quality and soundscape. Please complete the transition to snowcoaches that studies have confirmed are the best alternatives in

protecting the Park's resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 487 **Comment Id:** 129181 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This is a wonderful opportunity to finalize Yellowstone's path to protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128629 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I offer the following suggestions in consideration of Yellowstone's solicitation for public ideas about making permanent rules for winter use. ? The scoping notice describes objectives that include providing public access while protecting Park resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing universal access. Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128630 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack. Snowcoaches allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter, and to date snowcoaches also provide access at significantly lower cost than equivalent snowmobiles trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1308 **Comment Id:** 128632 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: This is a wonderful opportunity to finalize Yellowstone's path to protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 802 **Comment Id:** 127178 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: am requesting that snowmobiles be phased out completely in Yellowstone Park, and be replaced with snowcoaches. This will lend itself to more peace and quiet (for people AND wildlife), more pristine air quality, and a less frenzied pace of visiting the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Jeanne E Leske **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 618 **Comment Id:** 126745 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Protect Yellowstone's wildlife, air quality, and quiet. Please make access to the park by carriage and not by snowmobile. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Shelley Ottenbrite **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 612 **Comment Id:** 126741 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: i strongly urge the use of snowcoaches instead of snowmobiles for the pristine quietness the bring to the countryside. Snowmobiles make to much noise and pollute the air in the park.

Organization: greateryellowstonecoalition

Commenter: michael j reeb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 610 **Comment Id:** 126740 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoach, yes! Adopt a permanent plan for winter access that protects the park, but also increases visitors' knowledge of Yellowstone and generates dollars to fund the park. Snowcoaches make this possible and is accessible to everyone, young or old.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 474 **Comment Id:** 129186 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have long been a proponent of replacing snowmobiles with snowcoaches in Yellowstone. The negative impacts from snowmobiles, from pollution and noise to impacts on wildlife and human visitors, are well-documented. There is no non-political reason to continue to allow snowmobiles into Yellowstone. Snowcoaches insure visitor access to the park throughout the winter months and should become the sole method of transportation in Yellowstone. I hope you will take this opportunity to make this long-overdue change for a positive future for Yellowstone Park. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129561 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My point in calling this to the attention of the planning team is two-fold: 1) as pointed out above, there is not a snowcoach vehicle that is on the market, readily available and dependable enough to support a viable "Snowcoach Only" alternative. 2) As indicated earlier the answer to the anticipated and forced reduction in snowmobile visitation was to be replaced with snowcoaches. That has not happened.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 606 **Comment Id:** 126739 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please replace snowmobile with snowcoach visitation in Yellowstone. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 471 **Comment Id:** 129190 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Eliminate Snowmobiles and replace with Snow Coaches. People that want to see the park can still see it in a Snow Coach. Yellowstone is a National Park and should be managed for the wildlife. Snowmobiles can use other areas outside the park for their activities. Snowmobile use is not compatible with wildlife preservation. The winter is the most stressful for wildlife. There activities should not be interrupted by Snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 466 **Comment Id:** 129192 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I fully support the winter use position outlined by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. Furthermore I think it would be prudent to take additional measures to reduce traffic , noise and pollution throughout the year!

Organization: Montana Wildlife Federation

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 170 **Comment Id:** 129244 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: All studies consistently conclude that snowcoaches are best for both protecting Park resources and providing access for visitors. Snowcoaches reduce traffic and pollution, improving air quality and natural winter quiet. Snowcoaches allow better access for visitors of all ages and abilities, and allow conversation with guides for better appreciation and understanding. Snowcoaches are safer in extreme cold, and with rubber-tracks more reliable and less destructive when snow is thin.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 41 **Comment Id:** 127725 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Snow-coach transportation into parks interior. Snow-coaches reduce the stress burdens of wildlife caused by snowmobiles. Especially unguided commercial snowmobile use and that

of private snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Rex Bavousett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129070 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Precedents for Public Transportation Some who advocate snowmobiles claim the snowcoaches are not a workable alternative. That is what people said 40 years ago when the concept of shuttle transportation was first discussed for crowded Yosemite Valley. Yet now NPS uses free shuttle buses in Yosemite National Park in three areas (Yosemite Valley, Wawona-Mariposa Grove, and Tuolumne Meadows), in Grand Canyon NP on four routes on the South Rim, in Zion NP and Bryce Canyon NP. Here in our own region MOS members have ridden NPS shuttle buses at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. In every case these shuttles have reduced the impacts of automobile traffic on the parks. In the same manner, snowcoaches are reducing the impacts of transportation in Yellowstone. They also make the park accessible to visitors who are not able to use a snowmobile; some snowcoaches are wheelchair-accessible. They are also less expensive, typically two-thirds the cost of a comparable snowmobile tour.

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128863 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In comparison to four-stroke snowmobiles, snowcoaches operating within EPA's Tier 1 standards are cleaner, especially given their ability to carry up to seven times more passengers. Even EPA Region 8 found it necessary to comment on the 2004 EA, urging that this interim plan emphasize the use of snowcoaches: "Given that for every environmental resource, snowcoaches are the environmentally preferred mode of transportation, we suggest that the snowcoach promotion measures should be preserved as part of this interim plan." September 20, 2004 letter of Kerrigan G. Clough, Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region VIII.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128864 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The 2008 EA contains a discussion of the impacts of banning snowmobiles from the Parks, considering factors such as air quality, wildlife, the natural soundscape, visitor access and experience and economics. The air quality in the parks has indeed improved over the past decade,

primarily due to reduced snowmobile use and BAT snowmobile use. Saying that the air quality is getting better relative to prior negative air quality impacts is not enough, however. Currently, both Wyoming and Montana encompass areas listed as Class I attainment, which warrant additional protections in the Clean Air Act. The government concedes that the increased number of snowmobiles in the park in recent decades has brought the air pollution issue to the forefront. RtE supports development of a long term Winter Use Plan which eliminates snowmobile use in the Parks but allows for commercial snowcoach travel, along with development of BAT standards for snowcoaches, thereby resulting in even further improvements in air quality that would be "beneficial" compared to the use allowed by the interim policy.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 599 **Comment Id:** 127200 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snow coaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of public access, protection, and understanding. Because they are less disruptive in so many ways, more wildlife can be seen by more people. It is certainly cost effective and backed by sound science We can only benefit from completing the transition to snowcoaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 463 **Comment Id:** 129191 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have had the extreme pleasure of taking a snowcoach into Yellowstone in the winter to do some guided ski touring in the geyser basin. It was a great experience, however, it was partially spoiled by the constant buzzing of the skimobiles. I saw one of them on one of the boardwalks doing tricks. It was really disturbing to see the disregard of the environment by these skimobilers. Please close down this business and make people see the park in the snow buses.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 455 **Comment Id:** 129205 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please follow the recommendations of those most familiar with the situation and ban snowmobiles from Yellowstone. The snowcoaches will provide access and a great experience without the environmental degradation.

Organization:

Commenter: Anne D Fogleman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127025 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The public is best served by snowcoach access to the Park in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 950 **Comment Id:** 127895 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snow coaches provide ample access to the park's visitor highlights. Those who do not wish to cross country ski or snow shoe around the geysers can still ride the coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna S Rankin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 591 **Comment Id:** 127176 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Eliminate snowmobile use in Yellowstone N.P.--allow snow coaches for winter visitation.

Organization:

Commenter: ANDY S BURNETT **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 447 **Comment Id:** 128651 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I'm writing to urge you to please adopt a winter management plan in Yellowstone that relies totally on snow coaches and ends the use of snowmobiles in the park. By doing so you will be protecting the park and its wintering wildlife--which are already challenged by long, hard winters and deep snow--as well as making it more enjoyable for all who go there seeking a wild, quiet winter experience. It's time to do away with noisy, smelly, invasive snow machines.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 330 **Comment Id:** 126541 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter, and to date snowcoaches also provide access at significantly lower cost than equivalent snowmobiles trips. Visitor access that minimizes adverse impacts to air and water quality, the natural soundscape and wildlife ? is critical. I urge you to complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Sarah K Peterson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1398 **Comment Id:** 127096 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While I appreciate all that has been done to reduce motorized snowmobile traffic and better smog control equipment, more can be done. I believe that snowcoaches can be a happy compromise. If I had my druthers, I would prefer only cross country skiing, snowshoe, and maybe dog sled. However, I could live with snowcoaches because they provide less disruption to wildlife, access to all ages, and naturalists on board to provide interpretation.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1645 **Comment Id:** 129889 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping/EIS P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY As an avid fan of Yellowstone National Park, I urge you to consider impacts to wildlife, air quality, wilderness character, and the visitor experience when crafting Yellowstone's winter use plan. Yellowstone National Park is like no other place in the world, especially in winter. The park is already feeling the effects from a changing climate and the Park Service should limit harmful stressors. I hope Yellowstone will remain the peaceful, solitary refuge that it is. To that end, I encourage you to limit oversnow vehicle use to snowcoaches only, in order to protect wildlife. Snowcoaches allow visitors to experience Yellowstone in winter while minimizing the noise and air pollution that occurs from snowmobiles. Madiha Hussaini Skokie, IL 60077-2136

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Madiha Hussaini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 724 **Comment Id:** 127029 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage you to complete the transition in Yellowstone to snow coaches for winter visitors and to ban snow mobiles. I have for many years supported efforts to get snow mobiles out of Yellowstone, and I am pleased that this goal is within reach. I visit Yellowstone at least twice each year and often more, and I eager to see it insulated as much as possible from noise and pollution. Thus, I urge you to get snow mobiles out of the Park. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Organization:

Commenter: Vance Sherwood **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126390 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snow coaches would seem to be the best possible option for winter enjoyment of Yellowstone. Protection of the park's wildlife, ecology and ambience should be the overriding considerations and I sincerely hope that this plan will successfully accomplish that. It disturbs me that our taxpayer money has been spent wastefully on all the additional studies and plans - just to appease those who have little consideration for the natural wonder.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 534 **Comment Id:** 126517 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: If people want access let it be by Park Service Coaches or by cross country skis.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 532 **Comment Id:** 126511 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The restrictions have greatly improved the experience, but I would be much more likely to return if access was limited to snowcoaches. Please consider banning snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1567 **Comment Id:** 129317 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoaches have proved to be an effective solution, and visitors to Yellowstone are findings them a good way to visit the park without causing the widespread impacts of snowmobiles. Already, more visitors are using snowcoaches than snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 669 **Comment Id:** 126819 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: These are my comments about long-term care management of winter use of Yellowstone National Park. Winter is a beautiful sight in this park & should be quiet & pristine yet able to attract visitors to enjoy the greatness of its wildlife & environment. The park should be protected from the noise & pollution of snowmobiles. Quiet snowcoaches should be implemented as part of a permanent plan once & for all. We have far too many natural areas that man has managed to invade & destroy. Please do not let Yellowstone be one of them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 524 **Comment Id:** 126487 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Just ban them completely and only allow snow coaches that are quieter and cause little disturbance.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 423 **Comment Id:** 128592 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I am an avid hiker and skier. I go into the wilderness to enjoy the peace and quiet and the natural beauty of wilderness as much as the physical challenges. Put one snowmobile within 10

miles and the experience is ruined. I urge you to restrict the use of motorized traffic in Yellowstone to snowcoaches. These vehicles would provide access for those that are unable or unwilling to take on the rigors of skiing or snowshoeing while preserving the peace and quiet and scenic beauty that most people come to Yellowstone to enjoy. Additionally, the impact on wildlife will be minimized. Let the thrill seekers go elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: Dave Erskine **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 762 **Comment Id:** 127084 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please make Snow Coaches the preferred transportation for Yellowstone Park in the winter and comparable transport for other seasons of the year the main means of transporting visitors into the Park. The quality of air and water is of prime importance for the health of people, animals and the flora. They also have the value of allowing people with disabilities and other physical restrictions to enjoy the beauty of the Park. Our family has enjoyed the wonders of the Park. Public transportation would allow our family driver to fully enjoy the scenery. We greatly appreciate the beauty of Yellowstone and want to see it prosper.

Organization:

Commenter: Billie L Watkins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 521 **Comment Id:** 126480 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I strongly urge you to eliminate snowmobiles from the park. The intimate, controlled experience in a guided snow coach is preferable for both humans and wildlife. Please end the use of snow mobiles.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 418 **Comment Id:** 128582 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Snow coaches are fine.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 181 **Comment Id:** 129232 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I fully support eliminating private snowmachine use (based on existing research, Park objectives, and visitor input). Motorized winter visitor travel should rely exclusively on concessionaire-operated snowcoaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Riley McClelland **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 415 **Comment Id:** 128570 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I believe that the roads of Yellowstone should be open to licensed and guided over the snow coaches that are environmentally state of the art.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 769 **Comment Id:** 127108 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This is a wonderful opportunity to finalize Yellowstone's path to protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 653 **Comment Id:** 126787 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I realize people want to get out in winter, but they would enjoy it much more by a walk, cross country skiing, or even trying their feet at snowshoeing. The animals are stressed enough in winter, don't add snowmobiles...either in Prairie Rose or Yellowstone. While snow coaches aren't a perfect alternative, they certainly are a better choice.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 516 **Comment Id:** 126468 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowcoaches reduce air pollution and are quieter than snowmobiles and thus reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer motor vehicles. Snowcoaches provide pleasant social & learning environments that are safe for all ages and comfortable even in extreme weather conditions. Snowcoaches are reliable, safe and affordable by the broadest range of the American public.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129508 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Your best options are to cease explosive avalanche control, prohibit snowmobiles, encourage snowcoaches and cross-country skiing, and provide for more interpretive services to the visiting public. Ski patrols by rangers to enforce this new biofriendly plan will need helicopter backup for the interception of violators, and for rescue emergencies. Contracts with nearby heli-skiing operators may be the most cost effective way to accomplish this. Involving them also means less chance of unwanted intrusions by helicopters.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 7 **Comment Id:** 126974 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I think snowmobiles should be phased out in favor of snow coaches in Y.N.P. during winter. I have been in the park during January and found snowmobiles to be a major detriment to my park experience.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 7 **Comment Id:** 126978 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: This may be a cliché but it still embodies the original purpose of the Park System: the park is for the enjoyment of the people and if can do that with minimal impact by people, then future generations will still be able to enjoy the park. Snow coaches instead of snow machines will help

achieve that goal.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1337 **Comment Id:** 129089 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The most attractive feature of our National Parks to me is the opportunity to experience peace and quiet. I achieve this by hiking and cross country skiing. I think that the snowcoaches which allow people to peacefully access the parks in the wintertime are a fine idea. I think that allowing stinky, noisy snow machines to race around in the park is a bad idea. It really ruins the experience.

Organization: Sierra Club, Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 652 **Comment Id:** 126783 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We've made enormous progress in providing the best possible protection for Yellowstone over the past decade, eliminating the noisiest and most-polluting forms of winter access and moderating disruption to wintering wildlife. Every living former director of the National Park Service has agreed that snowcoach visitation ought to replace snowmobiles; the EPA and a federal court have agreed that the Park Service has not applied its best available, sound science and adopted visitation that best protects Yellowstone. The park has indeed become healthier as snowmobile numbers have dwindled and visitors have turned increasingly to snowcoaches as their means of visiting and enjoying Yellowstone.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 652 **Comment Id:** 126784 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Now, we have a final opportunity to adopt a permanent plan for winter access that protects the park, but also increases visitors' knowledge of Yellowstone and by means that are accessible to everyone, young or old. I urge you to please complete the transition to winter access via snowcoach.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 698 **Comment Id:** 126873 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoach visitation ought to replace snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Nicole M Jergovic **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 499 **Comment Id:** 128776 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please finish the transition from Snowmobiles to Snow Coaches as part of the permanent plan.

Organization: Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS

Commenter: William E Fraser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 209 **Comment Id:** 126558 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: But it stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven R Thaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 642 **Comment Id:** 126771 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allowing people to view Yellowstone during the winter months appears to me to be a compromise for people to enjoy the park and not terribly disturb the wildlife there.

Organization:

Commenter: Nancy C Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 498 **Comment Id:** 128791 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please replace the use of all snowmobiles with snow-coaches for public access to the

Park.

Organization:

Commenter: David m Gladstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 495 **Comment Id:** 128816 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I think people should have access to Yellowstone in winter, but I favor snowcoaches over snowmobiles. Snowcoaches reduce disruption (and possible harassment) of wildlife by allowing visitors to get close in a minimum of machines. They allow access by people of all ages and mobilities, and provide greater protection for visitors. Plus they do so with less sound and air pollution to the park. This is a good opportunity to finalize Yellowstone's path to protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes.

Organization:

Commenter: Jon Grinnell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 742 **Comment Id:** 127051 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please ban snowmobiles in the park in winter. Riding in a snowcoach is a very special experience in itself and provides completely adequate access to the peace and quiet that Yellowstone offers in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 215 **Comment Id:** 126923 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: While there have been some restrictions on snowmobiles since our visit, I urge you to consider Snow Coach vehicle traffic only in the park during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 586 **Comment Id:** 127168 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please do what is best for Yellowstone Park. Keep the snowbile maniacs of the trails and roads. Access the part with coaches only.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles F Beck **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 213 **Comment Id:** 126920 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please ensure winter access to Yellowstone Park is done via Snowcoaches and not snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1499 **Comment Id:** 128439 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: My opinion is that transports be provided that accommodate many people per vehicle. The use of biodiesel is a good fuel, which I believe is already used by the Park Service

Organization:

Commenter: Rosemarie Carnese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128642 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: NPS - I very much appreciate the improvements that have been made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, and required cleaner, quieter machines. But it stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park. I strongly urge you to consider a new management plan that should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park. Snowcoaches do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128643 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The new management plan should maximize opportunities for interpretation. Snowcoaches do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128645 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches provide safer access.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128646 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter. Snowmobiles do not offer this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128647 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowcoaches are less expensive to operate and therefore the cost to the public is less.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 947 **Comment Id:** 127499 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is essential that you examine an all snowcoach option. The NPS has found with every planning process that snowcoach access is the most environmental option.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Clusen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 665 **Comment Id:** 126806 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please eliminate snowmobile travel in Yellowstone National Park. Snow coach travel is a better alternative in that it is less harmful to wildlife and the environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 937 **Comment Id:** 127439 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: believe that snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution for providing public access and increasing visitor understanding of Park features while protecting Park resources.

Organization:

Commenter: John F Nelson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 936 **Comment Id:** 127433 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: If any form of human transportation is to be allowed, I would suggest that the proposal to allow snowcoaches should be enthusiastically embraced.

Organization:

Commenter: Thomas F Grose **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 176 **Comment Id:** 129241 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My plea is for limiting winter use to snow coaches. Thus, the tourists can be properly guided, pollution and noise can be effectively controlled, and jobs can be provided for Park Concessionaires.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1489 **Comment Id:** 128524 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Ok a snow coach or 3 a day? i.e. like a bus service would be ok I guess so, but not individual snow machines.

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1282 **Comment Id:** 128212 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am pleased by the success of the snow coaches to ferry visitors around the park and by their limited impact on the pristine condition of the park (I have not personally experienced this as I haven't visited since this change, but have read positive reports). I am urging you to completely phase out snowmobile use in the park to preserve quiet and clean air, and to lessen the impact on the wildlife and the environment.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 650 **Comment Id:** 126779 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It's time to really consider going to snow coaches in Yellowstone. Our first National Park deserves it.

Organization:

Commenter: Mike Lenaghan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 204 **Comment Id:** 126461 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Eliminate personal use of snowmobiles and permit snow coaches.

Organization: Back Country Hunters and Anglers

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1460 **Comment Id:** 128530 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Access to the park should be by snowcoach only operated by certified personnel.

Winter time is a far different time of year for wildlife with additional stress to conserve energy while seeking out food sources.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 716 **Comment Id:** 126888 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the recent improvements in Yellowstone resulting from reduced snowmobile traffic in the winter plus the requirement that the snowmobiles in Yellowstone must be cleaner and quieter. However, I do not believe that snowmobile traffic in Yellowstone should be permitted. Instead, I believe that snowmobiles should be completely replaced with snowcoaches. Snowcoaches provide the best combination of affordable public access, public education and protection with the lowest environmental impact. By their own choice, visitors to Yellowstone have shown that they like the snowcoaches, which minimize both pollution and negative impacts on wildlife. It appears that snowcoaches can meet the needs of the environment and the public at the same time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kathleen C Doyle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1477 **Comment Id:** 129073 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping notice describes objectives that include providing public access while protecting Park resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing universal access. In keeping with these objectives, it is imperative that the National Park Service abide by the criteria set out in your own Management Policies. In short, that you use the best available sound science; that the process provides for accurate fidelity to the law and policy mandates of the NPS; and that it is in the best long-term public interest. All of the National Park Service's studies of winter use alternatives in Yellowstone since 1998 have clearly demonstrated that continued snowmobile use causes a greater level of harm to park resources and that these adverse impacts to air, quiet and wildlife can be minimized with more environmentally-friendly access. Of those alternatives studied to date, snowcoaches appear to offer the best long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. In its independent review of each study, the EPA has verified this central conclusion.

Organization:

Commenter: Whitney A Leonard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 710 **Comment Id:** 126885 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please adopt a permanent plan for winter access that protects the park, but also increases visitors' knowledge of Yellowstone and by means that are accessible to everyone, young or old. Help us complete the transition to winter access via snowcoach.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 722 **Comment Id:** 126998 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snow Coaches make a lot more sense for our National Parks winter activities. You cannot control individuals when they have their own snowmobiles and go off the established trails and harass wildlife just for their own personal enjoyment of a few moments. We need to keep people on the established trails and control the activity within the park schedule. Not to mention that a sleigh ride is quite an enjoyable experience where one can sit back and relax and enjoy the scenery!

Organization: Good People

Commenter: Paul Kripli **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 674 **Comment Id:** 126822 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I very much appreciate the efforts recently made to improve the Yellowstone winter environment by reducing motorized traffic into the park. I hope that public access via snowcoach will be encouraged. The use of snowcoaches reduces the disruption to wildlife and sensitive terrain, and yet allows easy access for visitors of all ages and physical abilities.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Barbara A Lemasters **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 674 **Comment Id:** 126827 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I hope you will continue to transition to snowcoaches, and keep snowmobiles used by the general public OUT!!

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Barbara A Lemasters **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1427 **Comment Id:** 127668 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I appreciate the improvements that have been made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, and required cleaner, quieter machines. But it stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park. The new management plan should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park. Snowcoaches do this. The new management plan should maximize opportunities for interpretation. Snowcoaches do this. Snowcoaches reduce disruption to wildlife. Snowcoaches provide safer access to the park for xc skiers like me and the animals. Snowcoaches allow all visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter. Snowcoaches are less expensive to operate and therefore the cost to the public is less.

Organization:

Commenter: John Cordes **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1539 **Comment Id:** 129247 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Completing the transition to snow coaches (confirmed by prior studies) is the right thing to do for everyone and everything connected to Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Mimi McMillen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 86 **Comment Id:** 129453 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage you to ban snowmobile use in Yellowstone Park. This park is clearly the jewel in the national park crown and motorized use (other than showcoaches) is inconsistent with preserving a unique ecological system that all Americans can enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary F Lyons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 522 **Comment Id:** 126482 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Every living former director of the National Park Service has agreed that snowcoach visitation ought to replace snowmobiles; the EPA and a federal court have agreed that the Park Service has not applied its best available, sound science and adopted visitation that best protects Yellowstone.

Organization: Aiken Peace

Commenter: Kathy Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1538 **Comment Id:** 129179 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please complete the transition to snow coaches in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Michele Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1534 **Comment Id:** 129141 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: For the sake of the wildlife, quiet & clean air, I would like to see snow coaches entirely replace snowmobiles for public travel.

Organization:

Commenter: Betty B Baril **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 705 **Comment Id:** 126881 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Living in Utah, we are frequent visitors to Yellowstone Park. We have also closely followed the numerous times you have solicited public comment on winter use of Yellowstone. Each time, we have responded that individual snowmobiles should not be allowed to travel into Yellowstone. At one point, you seemed poised to adopt that rule, then failed to maintain your stand. It seemed that the Park officials were in agreement with no individual snow machines, but were not able to decide to follow that plan. If this is really the final plan (although from past frequency it is hard to imagine), let's get it right this time. Having snow coaches entering the park, while not entirely ideal, is enough. There should be some time for recuperation and peace for the park after the onslaught of visitors in the summer months.

Organization:

Commenter: Gibbs and Catherine Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 705 **Comment Id:** 126882 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We believe you have a mandate to protect what is precious about the park, and that the mandate should trump individual profit from snow machine rentals. Let's let quiet and clean air reign in winter and snowcoach or foot/ski traffic be the only approved human intrusions.

Organization:

Commenter: Gibbs and Catherine Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 476 **Comment Id:** 129185 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I wholeheartedly encourage a majority use of the snowcoaches with a corresponding decrease/elimination of snowmobiles to achieve the objectives of improving access, education about the park, protection of the wildlife, air quality and noise abatement. Utopia would be to have only snowcoach access during the winter.

Organization: Yellowstone Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126986 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a concerned citizen who values the natural sights and sounds of Yellowstone in winter, I appreciate the improvements to Yellowstone's winter environment resulting from reduced motorized traffic, and the requirement for cleaner, quieter machines. I offer the following suggestions in consideration of Yellowstone's solicitation for public ideas about making permanent rules for winter use. ? The scoping notice describes objectives that include providing public access while protecting Park resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing universal access. Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 399 **Comment Id:** 126736 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my opinion, the snow coaches better serve the Park and the public. More people can enjoy the park with less traffic, noise, and pollution. I must admit that the newer snowmobiles are much cleaner than the older ones; however, there is something to say about fewer numbers of vehicles on the roads. I believe that the number of snowmobiles allowed in the Park at any one time should not be increased and should remain the same as for the winter 2009/2010, and each group must have a Park guide.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1651 **Comment Id:** 129949 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There is no acceptable reason for adopting a plan that allows continued snowmobile use as opposed to the phase-out of snowmobile use and increasing the role of snowcoaches within Yellowstone. Snowcoaches provide major benefits to the Park: snowcoaches reduce noise, pollution and stress on winter wildlife. At the same time they supply transportation that meets the needs of everyone, including children, the elderly and the disabled, and do so at a lower cost and higher comfort and safety level than snowmobiles. Snowcoaches also help the NPS meet its education goals; while touring in snowcoaches visitors have a guide for interpretation of the geologic features, wildlife and other aspects of the Park for which it is famous and for which people from around the globe visit.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Marcus Libkind **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 632 **Comment Id:** 126759 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a concerned citizen and artist, who has photographed Yellowstone's unearthly winter beauty, I recommend snow coaches with limited stops as the winter standard.

Organization:

Commenter: Carla Kelly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1292 **Comment Id:** 128229 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please allow reason to enter the National Park System . There should be no motorized winter vehicles allowed in Yellowstone National Park which are not authorized snow coaches or those which are necessary to NPS winter operations such as research or search and rescue .

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1663 **Comment Id:** 130119 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I urge you to develop a winter use plan that follows what the National Park Service and the Environmental Protection Agency's studies have concluded: "that snowcoach access would provide public motorized access to Yellowstone while having the lowest impact on air quality, water quality, natural soundscapes and wildlife-- while presenting the lowest risk of visitor and National Park

Service staff health and safety."

Organization: National Parks Conservation Association

Commenter: Alexis Robertson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1479 **Comment Id:** 128528 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I wish to support the "Coaches" option for Yellowstone. As an avid down-hill skier, and sometime Cross-Country skier, I enjoy the outdoor experience of Winter in the National Parks, and forests. I sympathize with those of us who are less athletic, or disabled, and are unable to share these experiences as I do. I do not favor the wanton use of machines such as Snowmobiles, as they often include "daredevils" who appear to care little for the shared experience of others, in my opinion.

Organization: Southbay Ski Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 177 **Comment Id:** 129239 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Concerning the West Yellowstone Access area, we believe the only access should be motor coaches. Allowing snowmobiles or other motorized vehicles only degrades the experience for all. We realize that during past years of Park management, there was an attitude of opening the Park for all to use. That was at a time when our vehicles were smaller and there were not as many people. We will never be able to accommodate all the snowmobile use that West Yellowstone would promote or that might happen on its own. There needs to be strict controls on winter access, no snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Darlene L. L Grove **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 657 **Comment Id:** 126789 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We have enjoyed the snowcoaches for transportation into the park, to trailheads for crosscountry skiing and to more remote areas like the Yellowstone Falls in winter. They should be the future of transportation in the park to bring back air quality and the peaceful quiet of wilderness to Yellowstone. It is a priceless heritage ! We have written previously, given talks in Denver and we were pleased when the decision was made to limit snowmobiles in the park. Once again, behind closed doors, the push continues by special interest groups to allow more snowmobiles going against all the scientific research and the qualified plans already put in place.

Organization: GYC, YA & NPA

Commenter: Carol Peterson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1432 **Comment Id:** 129064 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Clean, quiet snowcoaches with knowledgeable guides seem to be the best alternative, providing an educational experience and a way to protect resources as well as visitors. The number of snowcoaches should be limited to respect and protect the Park's wildlife, silence, and air quality. Bringing people in as groups in oversnow vehicles helps minimize many problems.

Organization:

Commenter: Debra Patla **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129274 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While the NPS has an obligation to consider a full range of reasonable alternatives in the EIS ? which AWI fully supports ? it is imperative that the NPS seriously consider and evaluate both of the alternatives identified above (oversnow motorized recreation restricted to South Entrance to Old Faithful and termination of all oversnow motorized recreational use). The NPS will presumably also include a snowcoach only alternative in its analysis. If so, the NPS must fully evaluate all of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of this (and all other alternatives). This analysis must include, as AWI has suggested in the past, a consideration of how a snowcoach only alternative will or could influence ungulate (particularly bison) use of the packed/groomed roads and the subsequent impacts of such use to ungulate distribution, movements, habitat use patterns, behavior, ecology, foraging dynamics, and the well-being of individual animals, family groups, and entire populations or subpopulations. A snowcoach only alternative, for example, could expand ungulate use of the packed/groomed roads throughout YNP due to a decline in potential incidents of harassment thereby leading to changes to the ecology of the affected species. This is not raised for the purpose of dismissing the snowcoach only alternative or in support of continuing to allow snowmobiles in YNP, but only to identify a potential impact that, to date, has never been adequately evaluated.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 720 **Comment Id:** 126996 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Every living former director of the National Park Service agrees that snowcoaches should replace snowmobiles. The EPA and a federal court have agreed that the Park Service has not applied its best available, sound science and adopted visitation that best protects Yellowstone. The park has indeed become healthier as snowmobile numbers have dwindled and visitors have turned

increasingly to snowcoaches as their means of visiting and enjoying Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Beth R Franks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 720 **Comment Id:** 126997 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Now, we have a final opportunity to urge Yellowstone to adopt a permanent plan for winter access that protects the park, but also increases visitors' knowledge of Yellowstone. Best of all, snowcoaches are accessible to everyone, young and old. Please complete the transition to winter access via snowcoach.

Organization:

Commenter: Beth R Franks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1417 **Comment Id:** 128406 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: At this time, there are snowcoaches that safely and cleanly transport winter visitors to the interior of the park. This should be the only motorized opportunity for entry into Yellowstone National Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Gail Ferrell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 707 **Comment Id:** 126884 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please adopt a permanent plan for winter access that protects the park, but also increases visitors' knowledge of Yellowstone and by means that are accessible to everyone, young or old. Help us complete the transition to winter access via snowcoach.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 583 **Comment Id:** 127206 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe that snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the

questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Stanley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1593 **Comment Id:** 129885 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping/EIS P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY As you prepare your Yellowstone Winter Use EIS I urge you to limit oversnow vehicle use to snow coaches only. Winter should be a quiet time in Yellowstone, for the creatures for whom this is home and for us human visitors.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Edwina Allen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1593 **Comment Id:** 129887 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Using coaches provides a great opportunity for us to enjoy the winter wonderland of Yellowstone with far less impact than that of many individual snowmobiles.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Edwina Allen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1563 **Comment Id:** 129296 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In short, the typical snow mobile user that I have encountered is not there to respectfully enjoy the natural sounds or signs of the wilderness. For this reason I feel snowmobiles should be phased out. Snowcoaches offer a safer and more environmentally sensitive alternative to snowmobiles. The use of snowcoaches will solve the needs to accessibility by those who are unable to ski or snowshoe without the damage to the environment and gross intrusion on the enjoyment of the park by quiet users.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 816 **Comment Id:** 127221 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park should be protected for all americans! The use by snowmobiles should be ended, and travel by snowshoes, skis and other non-motorized forms of travel encouraged. Snow coaches would be the only motorized vehicle allowed inside the park for transportation of visitors, from the park entrance to destinations inside the park, during the winter season. Non-motorized forms of transportation should be encouraged and preferred!

Organization:

Commenter: Michael D Walton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 731 **Comment Id:** 127036 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I advocate moving to a snowcoach method of moving people at Yellowstone in the winter because of the favorable effects on air quality and the benefit to wildlife, as well as safety considerations for park visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 731 **Comment Id:** 127038 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone in winter is a special place and I think that moving people by snowcoach will keep it special.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 138 **Comment Id:** 127578 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We have taken the snowcoaches from West Yellowstone and find them to be a wonderful way to experience the wonders of Yellowstone NP. Let us transition YNP in the winter from the noisy snowmobiles to snowcoaches. The wildlife and other visitors will thank you for this decision.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 341 **Comment Id:** 126589 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As you consider permanent rules for the long-term management of winter use within Yellowstone, I encourage you to require snowcoach access only. Limiting access to snowcoaches only will enhance air quality within the park; will better protect wildlife; and will preserve the winter quiet. Snowcoaches offer access to more people of all ages, abilities, and economic means. I have been visiting Yellowstone since 1954, and regard it as our nation's greatest national treasure. I appreciate your stewardship of this wonderful place. I am convinced that the best long-term sustainable approach to managing winter use within the Park is to make snowcoaches the only way to go.

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Halford Jr. **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 163 **Comment Id:** 128788 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In order to preserve the quiet and solitude of Yellowstone in winter, the park should go to a snowcoach-only policy. This would minimize traffic, noise, pollution and impacts to wildlife while providing access to the park throughout the winter months to people of all ages.

Organization: n/a

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 163 **Comment Id:** 128790 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative.

Organization: n/a

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 162 **Comment Id:** 128389 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: In order to preserve the quiet and solitude of Yellowstone in winter, the park should go to a snowcoach-only policy. This would minimize traffic, noise, pollution and impacts to wildlife while providing access to the park throughout the winter months to people of all ages.

Organization: gyc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 162 **Comment Id:** 128390 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative. This is a step that is long overdue.

Organization: gyc

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1577 **Comment Id:** 129822 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe that snowcoaches offer the best long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. In its independent review of each study, the EPA has verified this central conclusion.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Raymond **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 915 **Comment Id:** 127395 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Both by minimizing vehicle numbers and by maximizing opportunities for interpretation, snowcoaches offer the best, long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol M Gisselquist **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 915 **Comment Id:** 127398 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches confirmed by prior studies to be the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes.

Organization:

Commenter: Carol M Gisselquist **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 907 **Comment Id:** 127329 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I have been hoping to visit Yellowstone in the winter time via snow-coach without snowmobiles around before I die.

Organization:

Commenter: Jim Paulsen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 511 **Comment Id:** 126410 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please continue to offer snow coaches for folks to enter the Park and stay at the Inn.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone coalition

Commenter: Debbie A Stempf **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 504 **Comment Id:** 126376 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I would like to endorse the plan to have all winter travel in Yellowstone be by snow coach or by cross country skiing and phase out snowmobiles

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 339 **Comment Id:** 126586 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: There is no reason that commercial interests cannot make the same living from transporting people into YNP for the enhanced experience of a snowcoach. Continuous dialog is possible, interaction among passengers is enabled, and a quieter experience is provided, allowing a more educational and appreciative Park experience. It has seemed that no matter how many times in the past we've expressed our citizen opinions that we want to replace the snowmobile with a snowcoach experience in the Park (almost unanimously in favor of eliminating the snowmobile), commercial interests wins. One hopes with the present Administration in Washington, the answer will be different this time!

Organization:

Commenter: Elise M Prayzich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 580 **Comment Id:** 126859 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snow coaches - not snowmobiles. That's a given.....

Organization:

Commenter: Margaret E Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1555 **Comment Id:** 129080 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I say it is your responsibility to try the snowcoach only opportunity. The decision being made now will most likely never occur again. Do what is best for Yellowstone!!! If the decision needs revision it can always go forward, it will never have an opportunity to go backwards again! Very important decision should not be compromises. Wrong decisions can be changed or modified, why not try what is best for Yellowstone!

Organization:

Commenter: Link Hebbard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 752 **Comment Id:** 127068 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To me, snowcoaches allow public access to this beautiful place, and are not as disturbing or polluting as snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Adair D DeLamater **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 751 **Comment Id:** 127064 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe all visitors can thoroughly enjoy Yellowstone in the winter via snow-coach instead of via snowmobile. To me, this alternative seems to most closely adhere to the Park Service mission of providing for enjoyment of the people (and future generations) while preventing impairment of the resources (impacts on wildlife, natural soundscape, etc.).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 433 **Comment Id:** 128626 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: What if Yellowstone Natl. Park initiated the first "Silence is Golden" program. This

would be ongoing every winter. The only transportation into the Park, during the winter season, would be via snow coaches. Programs can be begun that would allow people to experience the winter silence amongst the beauty of Yellowstone. We humans are bombarded by so much noise in our daily lives that we have lost or forgotten our ability to experience and enjoy silence. What a time of the year to offer this unique, one of a kind, experience. Oh, the joy of silence!

Organization: Retired

Commenter: Dan E Goehring **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127020 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The snow coach is good enough for people to get around in and snowmobilers have plenty of places to go outside the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 80 **Comment Id:** 129455 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: IF you wish to enjoy Yellowstone in winter, I strongly think it should be by snowcoach ONLY, and then on foot or skis.

Organization: Great Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 750 **Comment Id:** 127063 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a birder and a lover of nature, I plan to visit Yellowstone National Park. I respect the wildlife and the peace and quiet of such a place. I, therefore, urge you to use snowcoaches for transportation and not noisy, polluting, disrupting snowmobiles. Snowmobiles have no place in public park. Thank you for considering my position. Anne Lazarus

Organization: United Federation of Teachers

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 75 **Comment Id:** 129430 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The snowcoach is an excellent alternative. It is enjoyable and cleaner than the snow mobiles. The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack. Snowcoaches allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter, and to date snowcoaches also provide access at significantly lower cost than equivalent snowmobiles trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L Gorby **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1333 **Comment Id:** 127669 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I am a huge fan of Yellowstone National Park and am writing to urge you to minimize the number of motorized vehicles in Yellowstone by banning recreational snowmobiles and implementing a snowcoach system so that ALL visitors may enjoy the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1333 **Comment Id:** 127670 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Again, please consider a snowcoach system which would minimize vehicular noise and pollution in Yellowstone and allow ALL people to enjoy the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 416 **Comment Id:** 128576 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I am however in favor of limited use of public transportation snowcoaches within the park

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 150 **Comment Id:** 128343 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snow-coaches provide a superior method of providing visitor access, while protecting the park resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglass Owen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 48 **Comment Id:** 129479 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I feel that progress has been made in keeping snowmobiles out of Yellowstone but I think efforts need to continue to completely remove them from the Park and use more environmentally friendly snow coaches for access.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Paul Schielke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 735 **Comment Id:** 127044 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I can't stress strongly enough the need to make a complete switch to snowcoaches for public access to Yellowstone in the winter. Snowmobiles should be limited to park personnel use only.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary M Hogg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 735 **Comment Id:** 127046 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoaches make the Yellowstone experience available to all ages and levels of ability in a safe manner, and with a knowledgeable guide in control. They have less impact on the environment and the peace and serenity of one of the most extraordinary places on earth. I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches and ban the use of snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Mary M Hogg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 55 **Comment Id:** 129452 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: C'mon! We NEED more Snow Coaches instead cars and snowmobiles in the park

Organization: John Q. Public, Lifetime Park User

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 47 **Comment Id:** 129516 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am very much in favor of snow coaches, for all the obvious reasons which I don't need to delineate for you.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Janice Gingerich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 47 **Comment Id:** 129520 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is obvious that snowcoaches are the better mode for YNP and GTNP.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Janice Gingerich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 882 **Comment Id:** 127576 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would love to not hear snowmobiles or have the exhaust in the park during the winter. I have taken a snowcoach tour and it was great and safe.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Karen Ososki **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 543 **Comment Id:** 126803 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The Park Service is obligated to protect Yellowstone and should move toward allowing snowcoaches and no snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia F Mesec **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 756 **Comment Id:** 127074 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowcoaches provide a viable alternative to see the Park and access areas that have been determined by the Park Service to support winter usage. One cannot appreciate total silence until one has felt and heard it. The noise of snowmobiles shatters that experience which is every bit as valuable as seeing the sites of the Park in every season. Please ban snowmobiles in favor of the snowcoach. We must take the high road and protect the Park. Ample opportunities exist to zip around on snowmobiles throughout the Rockies without compromising the integrity of the Park and stressing its fauna.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Randy L McAllister **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 540 **Comment Id:** 126801 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Every living former director of the National Park Service has agreed with you that snowcoach visitation ought to replace snowmobiles; The park has indeed become healthier as snowmobile numbers have dwindled and visitors have turned increasingly to snowcoaches as their means of visiting and enjoying Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Russell S Anthes **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 497 **Comment Id:** 128792 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: The time is long overdue to eliminate snowmobiles in our oldest National Park. We were fortunate enough to take a winter trip to Yellowstone in 2006 and traveled only in snowcoaches and the yellow "bombardiers". These should be the ONLY means of winter travel in our glorious park. If we are what we say we are, and our parks are to serve their original purpose, then snowmobiles MUST be eliminated. Please make snowcoaches the sole means of travel during winter in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Raymond W Sehorn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 899 **Comment Id:** 127737 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the improvements that have been made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, and required cleaner, quieter machines. But I think it stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park. I believe that the new management plan should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park and that snowcoaches do this. I think that new management plan should maximize opportunities for interpretation. Snowcoaches do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Alex Frankel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 71 **Comment Id:** 129450 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please phase out individual snowmobiles in Yellowstone. Snowcoaches should be the only motorized vehicles permitted in the winter, and even their numbers should be restricted.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: David G Crow **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 492 **Comment Id:** 128852 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: We need to stop allowing the use of snow mobiles in Yellowstone. Snow coaches provide access while reducing noise and emission pollution and reducing the disruption to other visitors and the animals who live in Yellowstone. Snowmobiles should not be allowed in our National Parks.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 491 **Comment Id:** 128856 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I strongly believe motorized access by visitors in Winter to most areas within Yellowstone National Park should be limited to snow coaches. While I can appreciate the desires of snowmobilers, I am concerned that large numbers of snowmobiles may tend to disturb and cause excessive stress to wildlife, and temptation of some to go off-trail may lead to damage or even injury. Such activity could also lead to a greater workload on Park Rangers and other staff members when staffs and budgets are already stretched.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 740 **Comment Id:** 127047 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack. Snowcoaches allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter, and to date snowcoaches also provide access at significantly lower cost than equivalent snowmobiles trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 489 **Comment Id:** 129106 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: As a fourth generation Montanan, I value the pristine environment the winter shows in Yellowstone. This includes the absences of sound. As you know when skiing in the back-country of Yellowstone in winter, not much is heard above the sounds of the skis contact with the snow. Having had to move from my home to California, I think often of my times in Yellowstone. I can only hope others have an opportunity to hear, sense and fell Yellowstone as I have. I miss it. Please keep Yellowstone serene. Use snowcoaches. Let Yellowstone be Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Joseph G Mangiantini **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 486 **Comment Id:** 129107 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: My family and I favor phasing out snowmobiles in Yellowstone in Winter and using the snowcoaches for transportation instead

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Larry G Seidl **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126705 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that, although Yellowstone National Park has a lot to offer visitors in the winter, those that come into the park on snowmobiles do not appreciate it. This past winter, my boyfriend worked as both a snowmobile guide and snowcoach guide, and I have been into the park on

a couple of different occasions on snowmobiles. The difference he has seen and talked about between the riders of each, as well as observations that I have seen in my visits to the park this winter lead me to recommend closing the park to snowmobiles and only allowing snowcoaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126713 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I know that there are some that come in on snowmobiles and are there to experience the park, but they are rare. I don't believe that keeping the park open to snowmobiles for those few is worth the impact and stress to the animals and environment (noise, people, blocking of paths, etc). Those that want to see the park in the winter should still get the opportunity on snowcoaches. They can see just as much (and maybe more), stay warm, and hear more about the park from the snowcoach drivers. Snowmobile guides simply don't have the time or opportunity to cover as much information while still showing visitors the park. Some will argue that being in a snowcoach doesn't allow the visitor to connect with the park as well as a snowmobile, as you are not out experiencing what the animal is experiencing ? cold, wind, snow, silence. I don't disagree with that argument, but to it, I would respond that snowcoaches do stop for animal sightings, and if feasible, let their riders off the coach. They also stop at geyser basins and walk around. They are still getting to experience Yellowstone outside in the winter, just maybe not as much. I haven't heard from any snowmobile riders that connecting with the outdoors is the reason they rode on a snowmobile instead of a coach ? it's all about the riding.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 394 **Comment Id:** 126714 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Those that are in the snowcoaches are there to see the park, the animals, and the geysers. They want to know the history and the ecology. They respect the park and want to see the park. In addition, the coaches can keep the people in, and the animals out, thus protecting the animals (and people) more than snowmobiles. Being in a coach allows the passengers to see more of the park as well ? instead of focusing on driving, they can really look and listen and learn. If the park were to stay open to snowmobiles, major changes need to occur in the monitoring of the groups. More rangers need to be out patrolling and making their presence know to guides and visitors alike. I have not once seen a Ranger out patrolling while I have been in the park this winter; guides will go literally weeks without ever seeing a Park Ranger. This is unacceptable if we want people to be respectful of the wildlife and the park. I also believe that the guides need to be able to reach the Rangers if they have a group that is getting out of hand. I realize that most guides would not use a system for this, but I think the option should be there. Riders just don't listen to their guides when they tell them to stop behaving inappropriately. More of a Ranger presence needs to be felt along the roads if the park does stay open to snowmobiles. The guides, or guiding company, needs to be held accountable as well so they start at

least trying to make individuals behave and respect the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 734 **Comment Id:** 127041 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I support the concept of mass transportation into the park during winter simply to reduce the number of vehicles in the park. The snow coaches seem a reasonable strategy although their abysmal fuel efficiency raises the question of whether there might be a more economic and carbon friendly alternative.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 734 **Comment Id:** 127043 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I also believe it is important to share wilderness, especially with those who may not have the capacity or means to access these places without motorized vehicles. As much as I want to keep Yellowstone quiet and clean, I also understand that the park may need the support of many groups of people in order to continue to thrive. The challenge is to create a system that respects the needs of diverse users. The system must take into account that motorized vehicles disrupt the experience of people like me while my skiing and hiking have little impact on individuals riding snowmobiles. I propose consideration of a plan that does not allow individual snowmobiles in Yellowstone but would continue mass transit alternatives along the lines of the snow coach tours that are now available. This compromise will limit the noise and impact of motorized vehicles but continue to permit access for those cannot enter the park without motors. Providing access while preserving wilderness would allow us to capture the best of both worlds.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 513 **Comment Id:** 126412 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: All winter use in this park must be by bus. No more ATV use.

Organization: North Group Sierra club

Commenter: Melvin A Mckinney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 510 **Comment Id:** 126408 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please keep snow coaches as a means for people to enjoy the serenity of yellowstone instead of motorized vehicles such as snowmobiles from invading the park in winter

Organization: greater yellowstone coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 361 **Comment Id:** 126631 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that limited Snowcoach use with a Park employee driving the coach would be acceptable. However a review process should be put in place to allow changing regulations if unexpected conditions are detected that pose a danger to people or animals. Good luck and Cheers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 749 **Comment Id:** 127062 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please please ban the damn noisy, smelly, polluting horrible snow mobiles. Why can't they go race and plunder somewhere that is already void of life and trees, like in the clearcuts outside West Yellowstone? There they can get drunk, raise hell and bother no one. The snow coaches are cumbersome and not much fun to ride in, but they do get you from one place to another, and allow conversations and messaging that helps the park. We have been gassing the poor entrance workers for years. Please get rid of the infernal combustion machines once and for all. Thank you for listening.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 232 **Comment Id:** 126719 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Of those alternatives studied to date, snowcoaches appear to offer the best long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding.

Organization:

Commenter: Christopher J Johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 461 **Comment Id:** 129194 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please restrict all winter motorized off-road transportation to snowcoaches. I am convinced that these offer the best balance of public access with minimization of negative impacts to the faunal and floral environment of the park.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 316 **Comment Id:** 126429 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to reflect my views on the winter use in YNP. I am opposed to any snowmobile use during winter months, except for emergency/rescue purposes, by NPS personnel. I favor the use of snow coaches in reasonable numbers.

Organization:

Commenter: Jay Kirkpatrick **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 367 **Comment Id:** 126646 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There were improvements that were made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, and required cleaner, quieter machines. This is much appreciated. But the interim Winter Use Plan stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snow coaches in the Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 333 **Comment Id:** 126550 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please prohibit all snowmobile use in the Park. Please promote snow coach use and cross country skiing.

Organization:

Commenter: Bill Kehler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 334 **Comment Id:** 126552 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see a plan that eliminates or severely restricts the use of privately owned snowmobiles for travel in the park. I would like you to put the money saved from managing from snowmobiles into a program of running snowcoaches so that people can visit and appreciate their park in the company of fellow visitors and driver/guides with knowledge of the environment

Organization:

Commenter: Dolly Chapman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 81 **Comment Id:** 129441 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: believe the only efficient means of transportation that allows access to all visitors is via the snowcoach. The snowcoach also reduces air pollution since less vehicles would be running.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1446 **Comment Id:** 128889 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Despite recent advancements in lowering the noise and pollution outputs of the machines, they are far from being low impact transport. And just like cross country skiing, they do not allow access to winter lands for everyone. I would like to encourage Yellowstone National Park to offer winter access via snowcoaches rather than snowmobiles. Snowcoaches allow the very young and the very old and people of different abilities to visit public lands with a minimal impact. So much of what is offered by nature is only experienced by leaving our human accessories behind. Visiting a natural area means refreshing our senses, and experiencing the landscape, micro and macro, with our eyes, ears, noses and hearts. Let's minimize the number of machines, those human accessories, in wintertime Yellowstone National Park. I'm looking forward to a joyous ski in Yellowstone in winter 2011!

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL5040 Alternatives: Support No Snowmobile Access (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 1445 **Comment Id:** 128895 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Four previous studies have concluded that snowmobile use should be phased out. Please make this a part of the plan immediately.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 273 **Comment Id:** 127437 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I do not support snowmobile use by the public in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 23 **Comment Id:** 128179 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe individual use snowmobiles should be banned from Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 380 **Comment Id:** 126679 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It would be wonderful to be able to cross country ski in Yellowstone more easily by accessing areas of the park by car. I wholeheartedly support the removal of snow mobiles from the park. They are noisy and very polluting and need to be banned! Please do consider plowing the roads in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Rachel N Rockafellow **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 102 **Comment Id:** 126491 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I'm not so much against enjoying the Park in the winter, but, people need to enjoy it with the least disruptive means possible, which in my book rules out snowmobiles.

Organization: Trout Unlimited

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 102 **Comment Id:** 126492 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Again, in talking with conservation minded people in West Yellowstone, there is amply space for snowmobiles without entering into the Park.

Organization: Trout Unlimited

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 102 **Comment Id:** 126494 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I trust you will not limit, but ban snowmobile use in the Park and leave it open for more environmentally friendly transportation. I appreciate what the NPS has done to protect our National Park Heritage not only for my generation, but my kids and their kids generation as well. I trust you will make the right decision.

Organization: Trout Unlimited

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 96 **Comment Id:** 129426 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Keep the snowmobiles out of [or at a minimum] Yellowstone!!! These 'vehicles' are noisy and intrusive to both people & wildlife. Although there are responsible riders, most are obnoxious and pay no attention to rules or wildlife needs, as is common with other non-auto transportation (boaters, ATV's and PWC's). I do not want to visit and have to worry about these vehicles, their noise or pollution.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 92 **Comment Id:** 129456 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please continue to ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park. Having more than a limited number of these machines produce noise, pollution and disturb animals throughout the winter

which has been their time with little human interference. If we want an intact ecosystem, these steps are necessary to maintain the balance.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 318 **Comment Id:** 126437 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am in favor of ,not allowing snowmobiling into Yellowstone National Park. I see no benefit to the environment or the animals in allowing such activity. While there may be a voyeuristic benefit to tourist and a financial benefit to the snowmobile industry, the criteria should be more centered on the ecosystem as opposed to humancentric.

Organization:

Commenter: DENNIS G KRESSLEIN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 84 **Comment Id:** 129422 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please say NO NO NO to noisy, destructive ATVs & ORVs in Yellowstone National Park. The wildlife & the wilderness they desperately need, is the best thing Yellowstone can protect. Please.

Organization:

Commenter: Phyl Morello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 78 **Comment Id:** 129442 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Stop snowmobiles entirely !Let all the animals have rest from all us animals. There is already too much stress for these animals surviving the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1446 **Comment Id:** 128888 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Superintendent Lewis, I am commenting on the Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone National Park, EIS statement. I am an avid back country skier and I spend more time visiting our

public lands during the winter season than in summer. I cherish my time gliding along the flats and huffing and puffing up the snow covered slopes of Yosemite and Lassen National Parks. I can hear birdsong above my labored breath and snow hares wait and watch me before retreating. I specifically choose to travel greater distances from my home to find places where there are no snowmobiles, because sharing the space with the single stroke engines changes everything.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 228 **Comment Id:** 127665 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please do not allow noisy and smelly snowmobiles to access Yellowstone National Park during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 222 **Comment Id:** 127661 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am opposed to recreational snow machining even on park roads. There is ample national forest surrounding the park where snow machine recreation is available. In this way, visitors of all abilities could have the opportunity to visit and enjoy Yellowstone in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 234 **Comment Id:** 127363 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobile accidents, frostbite occurrences, and all other problems associated with their use will be eliminated if the snowmobiles are.

Organization:

Commenter: Leslie J Quinn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 263 **Comment Id:** 127531 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We feel that snowmobiles should be phased out of the Park in no more than 2 years.

Organization:

Commenter: Maynard & Tracey N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1422 **Comment Id:** 128428 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: El Sendero-NCW, a Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe club based in Wenatchee, WA would like to see the NPS greatly reduce or eliminate the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone NP. The NPS is mandated to maintain the parks in a pristine and natural setting for users to enjoy. Allowing the current situation of hundreds of snowmobiles into the park on a daily basis is in direct contrast to the NPS mandate. We support the reduction or elimination of all snowmobile use within the park boundary and the continued preservation of the parks naturally quiet winter environment.

Organization: EL SENDERO-NCW

Commenter: GUS W BEKKER **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1510 **Comment Id:** 128438 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We recommend ending completely the use of snowmobiles within YNP. There are endless places outside the park for those liking that form of recreation. Eliminating their use within the park is not different from denying, say, rollerskates in art museums or cathedrals. Please clear the air, preserve the quiet, protect the wildlife by excluding all private snowmobile use within Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1477 **Comment Id:** 129073 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping notice describes objectives that include providing public access while protecting Park resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing universal access. In keeping with these objectives, it is imperative that the National Park Service abide by the criteria set out in your own Management Policies. In short, that you use the best available sound science; that the process provides for accurate fidelity to the law and policy mandates of the NPS; and that it is in the best long-term public interest. All of the National Park Service's studies of winter use alternatives in Yellowstone since 1998 have clearly demonstrated that continued snowmobile use causes a greater level of harm to park resources and that these adverse impacts to air, quiet and wildlife can be minimized with more environmentally-friendly access. Of those alternatives studied to date, snowcoaches appear to offer the best long-term sustainable solution to the questions of access, protection, and understanding. In its

independent review of each study, the EPA has verified this central conclusion.

Organization:

Commenter: Whitney A Leonard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129307 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I believe the NPS needs to phase out snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129314 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please phase out snowmobiles and be cautious about the levels of snow coaches, even though they are better than snowmobiles in some ways.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128947 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am commenting on plans to evaluate the use of winter motorized vehicles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. My family has been a proponent of US National Parks for 4 generations. Please keep National Parks as wild as possible for our children and our children's children, where all citizens can come and enjoy quiet nature and wildlife without the pollution and distraction of recreational vehicles such as snow mobiles used for recreational purposes. Please remember that National Parks are Public Parks and should not put Private Enterprise profits in front of our right to enjoy nature the way it is intended in our National Parks.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128950 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Implementation of a ban on snowmobiles in the Parks would represent a return to a policy that was already in place after years of study, and was arbitrarily overturned at the request of

Private industry. Snowmobiles have a clearly established negative impact on the ability of other Park visitors to enjoy their experience in the Parks, including the right to enjoy natural quiet and solitude.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128954 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A ban on snowmobiles in the Parks is supported by existing Federal law, NPS regulations, and Park policies, and has been consistently supported by environmental analyses over more than a decade.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1552 **Comment Id:** 128994 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I have long followed the issue ? and feel the park is seriously degraded as a national park when snowmobiles are allowed. No number is acceptable; such motorized recreation is unnecessary. The "accessibility" excuse is not valid since the geyser fields are accessible in summer to all. The mules in Grand Canyon don't make those trails accessible to all; should the trails be widened and ATV's be used (in Grand Canyon)?

Organization:

Commenter: Molly Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1427 **Comment Id:** 127667 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone NP in both the winter and summer. I prefer it if snowmobiles are eliminated or limited in number if they can't be eliminated. I prefer a quiet exhaust gas free experience when I visit the part in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: John Cordes **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 86 **Comment Id:** 129453 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage you to ban snowmobile use in Yellowstone Park. This park is clearly the jewel in the national park crown and motorized use (other than showcoaches) is inconsistent with preserving a unique ecological system that all Americans can enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary F Lyons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 484 **Comment Id:** 129112 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Several years ago my wife and I took a cross country skiing trip in Yellowstone Park accessing the interior by snow coach. We were both very negatively impressed by the impact that the snowmobiles had upon our experience. Specifically the noise, incredible air pollution and the obvious stressing of wildlife were nothing less than disgusting. Once we had reached the area where our skiing would begin it was a totally different experience due to the fact that snowmobiles were prohibited. The quiet, pristine beauty with the scent of evergreens as opposed to exhaust made us feel as though we were in a different world. This is clearly the way winter should be in the entire park. We both feel strongly after our experience that the park policy should be zero tolerance for snowmobiles. Yellowstone Park in wintertime is just too special to be sullied by incredibly obnoxious snowmobiles.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1662 **Comment Id:** 130020 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: So, I think snowmobiles should be completely phased out of Yellowstone. The use of snowcoaches is far more appropriate, and consistent with the Park's mission and policies.

Organization:

Commenter: Roger S Zimmerman, Ph.D. **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1651 **Comment Id:** 129950 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There is absolutely no need for snowmobiles in the Park in order to provide public access.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Marcus Libkind **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1411 **Comment Id:** 127249 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I feel that snow mobiles have no place in National Parks. They are noisy, polluting, energy inefficient, and disturb wildlife. To me, the answer to park access in the winter (other than the Northern Range) is the snow coach. Even these must be regulated so as not to disturb wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Malcolm R MacPherson, PhD **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 714 **Comment Id:** 126887 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep the snowmobiles out of Yellowstone. Access to many other local areas is allowed, I think that Yellowstone should be free of sleds and the associated noise. Let's keep the park clean.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 676 **Comment Id:** 126833 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As Yellowstone Park is the most complete eco-system in the lower 48, can't we please do what's right for the asset? Leave snow mobiles out in the cold - there is a plethora of beautiful, winter activity spots that are not encompassed within a National Park.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Susan B Reese **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1661 **Comment Id:** 130018 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Nevertheless, as you well know, snowmobiles are completely unnecessary for visitor access; in fact they are among the few conveyances used in YNP that are not suitable for families which include young children, the elderly or less able; the NPS is well aware that snowmobiles have been used in YNP by an overwhelmingly male clientele (male : female user ratio of 2:1).

Organization:

Commenter: Jeffrey Erdoes **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1661 **Comment Id:** 130019 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Nevertheless, I won't regret it in the least if you finalize a plan that is true to your exhaustive investigation: a clean and sound result undistorted by dictates of international snowmobile manufactures or domestic dealers pushing last century's petrol dependency.

Organization:

Commenter: Jeffrey Erdoes **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 137 **Comment Id:** 129403 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please use the published research to protect wildlife and adopt a policy that favors snowcoaches and severely limits--if not outright eliminates--sleds. Joy-riding at fast speeds inside Yellowstone is a value antithetical to Park values.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Quarterly

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1444 **Comment Id:** 128941 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe that snowmobiles should be banned within Yellowstone NP. YNP holds majestic natural beauty and the whole park is such a spiritual place in terms of connection with nature.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 169 **Comment Id:** 129246 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The National Park Service has spent too much money (wasted tax payers' money) and time studying this issue. The majority of the public for the last ten years have demanded the removal of snowmobiles from the Park. Snowmobiles are noisy, smelly and cause a lot of stress on the animals. One more time "Get rid of them". Snow coaches are a much better option and should be used exclusively. Besides, snow coaches give you the same opportunity to see the Park as snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1571 **Comment Id:** 129226 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We ask the National Park Service to phase out snowmobiles in Yellowstone, as NPS studies have recommended over a period of 10 years. We urge that there be no snowmobiles in the 2011-2012 season and thereafter. We notice that several former directors of the National Park Service have urged the phaseout. Among them was George B. Hartzog, jr., the director who first let them into the national parks in the 1960s. It was then thought they would do no damage. We now know better. Any use of snowmobiles results in unacceptable impacts against wildlife and against quiet visitor activities.

Organization:

Commenter: Geirge and Frances Alderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 692 **Comment Id:** 126869 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a treasure that should be protected. By continuing to allow snowmobiles in the park you are slowly destroying it. Although the manufacturers claim to have made snowmobiles cleaner and quieter, they have not; or at least not enough.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 690 **Comment Id:** 126864 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We've apparently been here before. As I recall, every EIS has pretty well concluded that for environmental protection, the best number of snowmobiles would be zero. I think NO snowmobiles should be allowed in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerry Jayne **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 690 **Comment Id:** 126866 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The next best alternative, in my opinion, would allow only a reasonable number of snow coaches, with no snowmobiles. I would favor a phase out of the motor vehicles over 2 or 3 years to mitigate the economic impact on vehicle owners, and to give them some certainty so that they would quit worrying about uncertainty. Hopefully you will evaluate both of my preferred alternatives above.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerry Jayne **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1417 **Comment Id:** 128404 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is with profound emphasis that I, on behalf of skiers and snowshoers everywhere, request that you ban all snowmobile use permanently from our oldest National Park, Yellowstone.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Gail Ferrell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1417 **Comment Id:** 128407 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I vowed never to return in winter until snowmobiles were banned from the park. Please preserve the fabulour jewel of Yellowstone National Park for posterity and permantly ban snowmobile use!

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Gail Ferrell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1415 **Comment Id:** 127673 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I have never thought that recreational snowmobiling had an appropriate role inside the Park. Nor do I think that utilizing snowmobiles for transportation in experiencing the Park is a good idea.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine P Logan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1415 **Comment Id:** 128399 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: have never thought that recreational snowmobiling had an appropriate role inside the Park. Nor do I think that utilizing snowmobiles for transportation in experiencing the Park is a good idea. Both snowmobiling situations detract from the winter-solitude experience not only for we visitors, but for the wildlife as well - a difficult enough season for them to survive anyway. I propose that along with the noise pollution caused by snowmobiling that you should take whatever measures

you can to also reduce the air pollution they emit.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine P Logan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 583 **Comment Id:** 127208 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I encourage policy makers to permanently reduce and eventually phase out snowmobile traffic. ?

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Stanley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1593 **Comment Id:** 129888 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There are many other opportunities for snowmobile use. They do not belong in Yellowstone National Park. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Edwina Allen Boise, ID 83712-6672

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Edwina Allen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1563 **Comment Id:** 129295 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is very important to me that use the snowmobiles be phased out in Yellowstone Park. My personal experience with snowmobiles in the back country of California has been very unhappy. As a cross country skier I have witness snowmobile riders in many areas that are closed to snowmobile use. Never in the back country have I encountered any families out for a day together on their machines. It has always been young men, driving recklessly, "high marking", crossing areas with limited snow cover (damaging plant life). Snowmobiles are very loud, cause air pollution. Personal snowmobile users often refuel their vehicles while in the back country, using fuel cans and risking fuel spills.

Organization:

Commenter: Gary Miller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1553 **Comment Id:** 129002 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please eliminate snowmobiles from Yellowstone NP. Do not encourage gasoline-consuming forms of recreation in our treasured parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Amy Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1553 **Comment Id:** 129006 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: It is ludicrous that fossil-fueled modes of recreation are allowed at all. There are many, many other places for snowmobilers to enjoy using gas and making noise. Let them not sully Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Amy Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 482 **Comment Id:** 129182 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I don't believe there is anything much worse than snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. They produce noxious fumes and terrible noise. Please, please remove them from this wonderful and magical park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 435 **Comment Id:** 128633 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: ? Any 'recreational' visitation is to be allowed in ways which cause the least impact to the air, water and land quality and which cause the least interference with flora, fauna, geomorphologic/geologic or cultural elements. Snowmobiles are not considered an appropriate vehicle in a national park. ? Each human activity for 'recreation' allowed is monitored and managed from the viewpoint of those which cause the least impact to flora, fauna, land, water and air quality.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1567 **Comment Id:** 129315 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please consider my comments which follow on scoping for the new Yellowstone winter use plan. Here in southern Oregon I live near Crater Lake National Park. Its wild character is a great asset to our region. I wrote in 2005 and 2007 in support of the phaseout of snowmobiles from Yellowstone, but it seems the Bush administration overruled the National Park Service and allowed them to continue.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1567 **Comment Id:** 129319 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is noteworthy that eight former directors of the National Park Service spoke out against the Yellowstone snowmobiles. I agree. It's time to get snowmobiles out of Yellowstone. Thank you for considering my comments.

Organization:

Commenter: Elizabeth Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 717 **Comment Id:** 126890 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This event happened nearly 20 years ago, and I still remember it like, that's right, like it was yesterday. Please ban snowmobiles from Yellowstone. The two just don't go together.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 672 **Comment Id:** 126821 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a former resident of Red Lodge, MT, and a frequent visitor to Yellowstone, I urge you to consider the terrible potential of the park being over-run by snowmobiles. Please keep the park in its natural state, and reserve the use of snowmobiles for emergency and law enforcement purposes only and to protect the magnificent wildlife from harassment and harm.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Arthur T Hill **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 925 **Comment Id:** 127404 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: And I've yet to see any science or legislation that says snowmobiles should be part of the Yellowstone Winter landscape. There are few places left in America where the "silence of wilderness" (of wild places) can be experienced--Yellowstone should be one them.

Organization: none

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127075 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I find it outrageous that snowmobiles are allowed into Yellowstone National Park. Although I have been to Yellowstone only about a half dozen times in the winter, each time without exception I observed snowmobilers harassing the bison. The drivers were loud, and pushing the bison off the groomed roads. In some cases, they were racing the bison. The exhaust from these loud, polluting machines is offensive and unhealthy.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127076 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles for the public goes against what a National Park should be. Please remove them!

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 623 **Comment Id:** 126755 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This is a National Park and there is plenty of area outside the park for these machines to run around. The Park is not the place for this sort of activity.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 30 **Comment Id:** 129462 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I'm writing to voice my opinion about snowmobiles. With the exception of emergency and/or rescue purposes, I object to the use of snowmobiles in our parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 196 **Comment Id:** 129214 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Winter use of YNP should be restricted to environmentally friendly activities, such as snow coach riding and cross country skiing. Please no more snowmobiles destroying the terrain, polluting the air, and scaring the animals.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 28 **Comment Id:** 127741 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I strongly oppose the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park. Snowmobiles are dangerous and disruptive to the beauty of our national park. It also presents a danger to wildlife

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 519 **Comment Id:** 126479 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is time to ban all snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Hopton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 511 **Comment Id:** 126409 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Private snowmobiles do not belong in our National Parks. They are noisy, polluting and destructive.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone coalition

Commenter: Debbie A Stempf **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 338 **Comment Id:** 126581 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe that snowmobiles should not be allowed in the park at all.

Organization:

Commenter: Heather Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1263 **Comment Id:** 129116 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I want to thank you and all who support our magnificent park of solitude and reflection in improving Yellowstone's winter environment by reducing motorized traffic, and requiring cleaner, quieter snow machines. Personally, I would like to ban them altogether, but I realize the genie is out of the bottle and the years of backcountry winter solitude I enjoyed in my younger years is not to completely return. However, I am determined to support thoughtful and scientifically sound efforts to minimize the loss of the wild, quiet landscape of all our national parks for not only myself but also the next generation. As a Nordic skier, I hope NPS will continue the positive trend of limiting motorized use and incorporate the needs of those of us who crave silence and seek a "human powered" experience into the long-term winter use plan for Yellowstone.

Organization: Winter Wildland Alliance

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1262 **Comment Id:** 129013 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This may come as a surprise for a Montanan, but I would prefer no snowmobiles in Yellowstone. I can live with a limited/reasonable number of snow coaches. Thank you for your consideration.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 900 **Comment Id:** 127336 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Let the hot shot snowmobilers dash across the marked area in Jackson Lake, or the many places that are beautiful out of Yellowstone Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Alice Bradley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 900 **Comment Id:** 127742 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We all know that this Park is the most unique in the world. Wolves are enough to disturb the peace of animals trying to survive, especially youngsters. Let the hot shot snowmobilers dash across the marked area in Jackson Lake, or the many places that are beautiful out of Yellowstone Park. The economy of several towns, if affected, should not be a ruler of Yellowstone's peace. On December 26, 1986, I was stunned to see a large group of snow "machines" starting at Mammoth. I knew the worst was yet to come. Alice Bradley

Organization:

Commenter: Alice Bradley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 332 **Comment Id:** 126543 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I believe the most important park values and resources are the animals and the environment. I would hate to see the park destroyed because of these oversnow vehicles. I would love to see them not being used at all in Yellowstone! There was a time where there was no such machine and people managed to see the park! Let's not let the value of money, of business, take away from the values of a natural resource! I know that outlawing the OSVs completely will not happen. But could the number of OSVs in Yellowstone be decreased?

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Law **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 319 **Comment Id:** 126438 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: However, that won't keep us park lovers from saying once again that the park should be largely free of snowmobiles in winter. Personally, I and all the people I know who use the park in the summer won't have anything to do with it in the winter, with the exception of skiing and wildlife watching in the Mammoth area and the Lamar road corridor. West Yellowstone and Old Faithful are out when the 'mobiles are in. We occasionally come to West, and ski a bit in the park and a lot on the town trails before the snowmos are allowed in, but after that, forget it. My one great hope is that before

I die there will be a time I can come to Old Faithful to spend a night or two there and enjoy the natural quiet in that awesome place. Think you can swing it for the thousands of people who would love the chance to do that?

Organization:

Commenter: Dean Littlepage **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 4 **Comment Id:** 126968 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: What this park is not, is a place where you want to encounter snowmobies belching fumes and noise that has to be disturbing to the park's animals, for thir sense of smell and hearing are far keener than mine. There are literally hundred's of miles of groomed snowmobile trails outside of Yellowstone that are stunning to ride a snowmobile on. These are beautiful trails gliding through forests teeming with wildlife, and giving a snowmobile rider a wonderful ride compared to drivinging their snowmobile along a highway to Old Faithful. Snowmobiles are noisy, they give out a lot of gas fumes; just walk through the parking lot behind Old Faithful and inhale deeply during the winter, do this, close your eyes and you will soon feel you are in the middle of a snowmobile rally insteading of being in the middle of our first national park. It is not the duty of our government to ensure snowmobile dealers can run a snowmobile rental business at the gates of Yellowstone just because they can enter the park with their snowmobiles. Please stop permitting snowmobiles in Yellowstone, do so, and those in the business of snowmobile rentals will soon discover they can offer better rides and the experience of exploring our beautiful back country without entering and destroying the winter beauty and wonderful character of this national treasure.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 265 **Comment Id:** 127503 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage my esteemed publics lands managers to stop the use of snowmobiles, snowcoaches, and other motorized oversnow vehicles in Yellowstone during winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: David Chenault **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 265 **Comment Id:** 127505 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please move to exclude motorized vehicles from Yellowstone to the greatest extent

possible.

Organization:

Commenter: David Chenault **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 264 **Comment Id:** 127497 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please disallow all snowmobile use in Yellowstone National park. Snowmobile use is simply incompatible with nonmotorized travel. The noise and stink of snowmobiles ruins the experience for skiers and snowshoers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 90 **Comment Id:** 129515 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I demand a full and complete ban on snowmobiles and like machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 751 **Comment Id:** 127065 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I hope you will help usher in a more enlightened era for the park by finally removing public use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone NP. The expectation that people can ride highly polluting, low-occupancy, combustion engine machines around this park is unreasonable. Give us, the American people, one place where we can enjoy the way nature was prior to the combustion engine.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 127 **Comment Id:** 127021 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please ban snowmobiles in Yellowstone!

Organization:

Commenter: Karen A Riggs **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 744 **Comment Id:** 127055 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please prohibit the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Willaim G Hayward **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 744 **Comment Id:** 127056 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: On the basis of my personal experience while visiting the Old Faithful area in the winter, the new rules limiting the use of snowmobiles to guided tours has been very successful in reducing noise, fumes and congestion in the Park. Let's complete the job.

Organization:

Commenter: Willaim G Hayward **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 743 **Comment Id:** 127052 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I oppose snowmobile use in our national parks. 1. Their noise detracts from the enjoyment of other users. 2. They adversely affect wildlife. 3. They can damage the underlying soil or plants. 4. They pose a danger to their users and others.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Reis **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 150 **Comment Id:** 128341 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: As a wildlife photographer, snowshoer and lover of Yellowstone, who spends many days in Yellowstone every year, I strongly urge you to completely phase out snowmobiles in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglass Owen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 150 **Comment Id:** 128342 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The air quality, water quality, impact to wildlife, and the sound-scape are all better served by snowmobiles being removed.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglass Owen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 49 **Comment Id:** 129468 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Our family is very opposed to snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: vicky crampton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 48 **Comment Id:** 129479 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I feel that progress has been made in keeping snowmobiles out of Yellowstone but I think efforts need to continue to completely remove them from the Park and use more environmentally sound snow coaches for access.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Paul Schielke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1540 **Comment Id:** 129201 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Snow mobiles prohibited

Organization:

Commenter: Margaret K Zegart **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1359 **Comment Id:** 128585 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe that Yellowstone National Park should support the winter use model that is being used successfully around the nation: segregation. There are plenty of areas outside the park for

people to ride their snowmobiles both at the west and south entrances. We can still have snowballing at Yellowstone, just not in the park. There are plenty of opportunities to provide access to the park through the smart use of snowcoaches. I believe that this is a safer, more logical and less impactful option.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 385 **Comment Id:** 126684 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: NO SNOWMOBILES IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 902 **Comment Id:** 127273 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It has always been my firm belief that snowmobilers are detrimental to wildlife and park property.

Organization:

Commenter: Judy A Maddox **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 383 **Comment Id:** 126682 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park is no place for ANY snowmobiles!!! The noise, pollution, smells, and disruption to wildlife are horrible. I support the MOST MINIMAL numbers of these obnoxious machines. Even the snowcoaches are noisy, polluting, and smelly. I want as little a footprint of man in the national parks as possible. Thank you. Joan Puma Bennet, Sheridan WY

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 899 **Comment Id:** 127734 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing you to provide comments as part of the scoping for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan. I am a big fan of winter backcountry skiing, but I think that snowmobiles have no

place in winter in our National Parks. I value the quiet that comes with public lands in winter, and I know that animals do too.

Organization:

Commenter: Alex Frankel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 634 **Comment Id:** 126763 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please phase out the snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Parrie Pinyan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 85 **Comment Id:** 129427 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: When we visit Yellowstone, we DO NOT want to hear or see ATVs or ORVs. We want to see the wilderness & wildlife...not man's destruction.

Organization:

Commenter: Phyl Morello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 73 **Comment Id:** 129494 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I last wrote to you in August 2009 asking you to do all that you can to eliminate snowmobiles from Yellowstone National Park for the good of the wildlife, for preservation of the park's sounds of nature, for the health of park employees, and for the enhanced enjoyment of visitors.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1293 **Comment Id:** 128231 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please...once and for all and forever- no snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: tom chelstrom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1293 **Comment Id:** 128232 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hundreds of thousands of comments have been received over the last 10 years and the American people overwhelmingly support a quiet, non polluted and safer Yellowstone winter for wildlife, skiers and snowshoers. The science is in and it also supports the elimination of snowmobile use in the park so please get on with it... enough with the analysis paralysis!

Organization:

Commenter: tom chelstrom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 733 **Comment Id:** 127039 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It's highly inappropriate to allow destructive, polluting, disruptive to wildlife snowmobiles in Yellowstone. Do your job- Protect Our Public lands, waters, health & wildlife! Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species. Thank you

Organization:

Commenter: Lydia Garvey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 613 **Comment Id:** 126743 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I bring a group from Wisconsin to Yellowstone every other year to cross country ski and look for animals. We don't go to the old faithful end because there is too much snowmobile traffic and noise. There are 100's of miles of snowmobile trails just outside the park. Please don't let them ruin the experience for non snowmobilers and the animals. Keep snowmobiles out of the park for good.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 434 **Comment Id:** 128628 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I commend your plan to phase out snowmobiles and please know there are countless folks out here who support you all the way!!

Organization: Winter Wildlands

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 258 **Comment Id:** 127658 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Almost exactly 10 years ago, I had my first chance to experience Yellowstone Nat'l. Park in the winter. I was moved spiritually by the beauty of the land and the wildlife. But at the same time, I was dismayed by the congestion, the noise, and the smell of snowmobiles. Certainly these do not belong in a national park.

Organization:

Commenter: Ken V Dawdy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127690 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge on this even of a new century of the National Park Service, no similar blunders will be made. I strongly believe, however, allowing snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park has the likely potential to be a management error of grave consequences. Apparently, this has been a shared view of approximately 80 percent of citizen shareholders who have responded to past Yellowstone/Grand Teton Winter Use Plans.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127708 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter in Yellowstone does offer distinctive opportunities from those of other seasons. But some values, such as quietude, are fragile and can easily be lost when quantity of visitation is strived for, rather than quality of visitor experience. Therefore, I suggest daytime visitor use be strictly limited. Day trips on snowmobiles, either guided or unguided can be better accommodated on maintained US Forest Service, and private lands outside the national park. Overnight visitor use should be limited by the park concessionaire reduced winter accommodations, such as Old Faithful. These would be by reservation, and serviced by Snowcoach, from Mammoth. Very limited sightseeing trips by Snowcoach may be permitted.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 178 **Comment Id:** 129238 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I support the phasing out of snowmobile use (except for, perhaps, employees) in Yellowstone National Park. Our national parks ought to be managed primarily for wilderness rather than special interests - of a comparatively small subculture - that are not defensibly compatible with wilderness.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 331 **Comment Id:** 126542 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I urge all those who care to help keep all snowmobiles out of Yellowstone National Park. A Native American proverb tells us, "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children". It is our duty to take proper care of it

Organization:

Commenter: Justin Barret **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 323 **Comment Id:** 126455 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We believe snowmobiles have a serious negative influence on the air quality; and, we suggest you ban them. Instead, we encourage tourists to use snowshoes or cross-country skis in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holcomb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 322 **Comment Id:** 126454 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I think to return Yellowstone to quiet winter use would place it closer to the original intent of a preserve for wildlife and a place of pristine air and water. Phase out snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Helvey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 55 **Comment Id:** 129451 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: GET THOSE SNOWMOBILES OUT OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, and the entire Yellowstone Corridor, for that matter! Air Pollutants? Noise Pollutants? Snowmobile tracks in the snow that permit wildlife to move out of the park altogether? NONE of these are good ideas. I can't believe we, as a civilized, humane society allow this situation to continue.

Organization: John Q. Public, Lifetime Park User

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 47 **Comment Id:** 129514 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Hence, I write to you today in support of decreasing the amount of snowmobiles in our National Parks and forests to zero.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Janice Gingerich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 551 **Comment Id:** 126820 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I truly detest snowmobiles. I know they are most likely inevitable, but a restricted area, number of snow machines and times seem appropriate to such a beautiful area in Wyoming.

Organization:

Commenter: Polly R Grimshaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 546 **Comment Id:** 126805 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: This includes no more snowmobiles and less snowcoaches in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Damian Stoy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 544 **Comment Id:** 126804 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowmobiles do not belong in Yellowstone. PERIOD. There is plenty of country where snowmobiles can and do operate outside the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: john c goetz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 43 **Comment Id:** 129474 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I've been to Yellowstone in the winter twice to cross-country ski and enjoy the winter beauty, and would love to see an end to the snowmobiles. They are stinky, noisy, disruptive, and have no place in a national park. There are plenty of other places they can go, legally. Thank you for phasing them out.

Organization: Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Commenter: Libby Ingalls **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 42 **Comment Id:** 129484 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: If people want to snowmobile, there are plenty of other avenues in which they can do exactly that. Yellowstone needs to be preserved for all future generations. It should not turn into a playground for snowmobilers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 756 **Comment Id:** 127072 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing to support a revision in the winter use policy for Yellowstone. I have consistently supported the limitation on the number of snowmobiles allowed in the Park on any given winter day. Indeed, I now support a ban on the use of snowmobiles in the Park. I have been fortunate to explore the Park in its many seasons since 1979. I enjoyed the winter of 1980-1981 on cross country skis in the Park and visited its many wonders draped in quiet and solitude. Often the only sounds I heard were those of my heavy breathing. I have seen the Park in winter without the noise and pollution that have come to characterize West Yellowstone, MT, in recent years. I know that not everyone has the physical capacity to ski the Park. Access is as important for those who cannot as it is for those who can.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Randy L McAllister **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 756 **Comment Id:** 127073 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have come to believe that snowmobiles have little place in the Park other than as rescue vehicles for the Park Service. I say that having enjoyed riding snowmobiles in the Rockies in Colorado on several occasions. But these trips were guided tours on Forest Service trails that were not on National Park land and not in critical habitat areas. My point is that winter recreation in the Park must take into consideration the unique circumstances of Yellowstone. We as a people are charged with protecting this exquisite piece of the world. Its flora and fauna are our responsibility. The survival of a harsh Yellowstone winter is difficult enough for the quadrupeds without the unnecessary expenditure of vital energy needed to vacate the premises when snowmobiles are in the area.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Randy L McAllister **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 755 **Comment Id:** 127070 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A group of friends and I visited Idaho, and the park recently. After seeing the amount of land that is available for snowmobiling, and the amount of snowmobiles that are in the area, I think that snowmobiles should not be allowed in the park. With all the expanse of land in the West Yellowstone, and Island Park area, there was never a time that we were in a place where the sound of snowmobiles was not audible. Even at Harriman SP, where they are now allowed, the sound was ever-present.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 411 **Comment Id:** 128469 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Because many non-motorized recreationists seek quiet, especially in winter, it is important that some areas be kept non-motorized. The soundscape and the wildlife of Yellowstone are affected by snowmobiles, and these negative impacts are unnecessary in light of the many options outside the park. The park should exclude them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 36 **Comment Id:** 127727 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: It is important to keep Yellowstone Park. Noisy vehicles, such as snow mobiles have an adverse effect on the park. They pollute the air. They alarm the wildlife and destroy the vegetation, causing erosion. People who want to experience an ecologically-sound park for passive recreation cannot do so when disruptive activities are allowed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 855 **Comment Id:** 127482 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have written before on this subject. I would like to see Yellowstone completely free of individual snowmobiles. They do not need this pristine area to frolic in. There are plenty of other areas close to and around the park to use. The West Yellowstone vendors do not care about keeping the park as it should be. I would like to see more snow coaches used in the future for those that care about the park and especially for Winter Use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 509 **Comment Id:** 126404 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please stop the use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 749 **Comment Id:** 127062 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please please ban the damn noisy, smelly, polluting horrible snow mobiles. Why can't they go race and plunder somewhere that is already void of life and trees, like in the clearcuts outside West Yellowstone? There they can get drunk, raise hell and bother no one. The snow coaches are cumbersome and not much fun to ride in, but they do get you from one place to another, and allow conversations and messaging that helps the park. We have been gassing the poor entrance workers for years. Please get rid of the infernal combustion machines once and for all. Thank you for listening.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 747 **Comment Id:** 127059 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've been a visitor in all seasons to Yellowstone for over 30 years. I courted my wife and raised my children around adventures to Yellowstone, and have enjoyed quiet recreation for all these many years. Whether paddling Yellowstone Lake, hiking away from the crowds or skiing on winter trails, we've always enjoyed the special place that is the Yellowstone ecosystem, even though we've got Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park right out our back door. In support of quiet recreation and clean air, maybe we can get personal vehicles excluded even during the summer months. At any rate, enough is enough. We've gotten our studies completed, and our legal authority adjudicated. Let's get on with it, and ban snowmobiles from the park.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 741 **Comment Id:** 127049 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Recreational use of snowmobiles does not belong on public land, especially that land managed by the National Park Service. They are distressing and harmful to wildlife, they interfere greatly with non-snowmobilers enjoyment of an area, and they are polluting. I certainly will not consider visiting any area where recreational snowmobiles might be in the vicinity.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 496 **Comment Id:** 128794 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Most of Yellowstone is a wilderness and snowmobiles have on place in a wilderness.

Organization: Thiss Associates Inc.

Commenter: Thomas Thiss **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 272 **Comment Id:** 127440 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone during the winter, and the beauty of it is magnificent. It is a shame to have the noise of snowmobiles roaring along the roads, when the peace and quiet shouts out to be heard. It seems an incongruous situation, and if you could keep them out of yellowstone, I think

that the tourist would have an even more spectacular visit there.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1242 **Comment Id:** 126497 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I hope that whatever rules you implement for winter in Yellowstone that it will keep the Park pristine and ensure that the air, land, and water are not polluted with noise, trash, and overuse, This certainly includes the prohibition of motorized vehicles/snow machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 488 **Comment Id:** 129169 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am writing to support ending snowmobile use in the park and adapt the least impacting means of visiting in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Robert C Rand **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1317 **Comment Id:** 127703 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I've snowmobiled on occasion and enjoyed it but they are noisy, smoky machines that have no place in a pristine natural environment. I think there are plenty of National Forest areas where snowmobiles are allowed in the West Yellowstone area and I feel strongly that the park should be kept as quiet as possible during winter.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1317 **Comment Id:** 127706 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: The decision to ban snowmobiles and allow limited access via environmentally superior snowcoaches should be made this year.

Organization: Snowlands Network

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Correspondence Id: 805 **Comment Id:** 127182 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've traveled to Yellowstone to enjoy the Park in winter since moving to Montana in 1981. On many of my cross country ski trips and traveling by car to view wildlife the peace and beauty of Yellowstone has been disrupted by snowmobiles. My family and I ski, and I photograph wildlife this is a spectacular place. Please prohibit all snowmobiles in Yellowstone. I know the newer engines are supposed to be quieter but they are still a disruption by both sound and smell. These machines do not belong in the Park - as a wildlife and wilderness preserve.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 481 **Comment Id:** 129184 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I am strongly in favor of keeping all non-emergency snowmobiles out of Yellowstone. As a photographer that has spent many days in the park in winter, I have experienced the loud sounds of even the most current snowmobiles as well as smelling the noxious fumes. Both are out of touch with the character and purpose of the park. Snowcoaches only please.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 279 **Comment Id:** 127652 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe that all national park and especially Yellowstone are not appropriate places for snowmobiles. In the area around Yellowstone, there is ample Forest Service land for snowmobile recreation and if a person wants to see Yellowstone in the winter there are snow coaches that have a far lower environmental impact than snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 65 **Comment Id:** 129437 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I urge you to please complete the transition to snowcoaches and phase out snowmobile access once and for all. Thank you.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1290 **Comment Id:** 128226 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please, for the sake of future generations, along with those of us you prefer noiseless wilderness experiences, impose a complete ban on private snow-machines in Yellowstone NP.

Organization:

Commenter: John R Dillman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 967 **Comment Id:** 128011 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I would like to see no snowmobiles allowed, at all. There are plenty of snowmobile trails in the National Forests surrounding Yellowstone, and degrading the Park with these machines is not necessary.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine R Weeden **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 41 **Comment Id:** 127726 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Snowmobile use only by authorized NPS employees only for work details.?

Organization:

Commenter: Rex Bavousett **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129067 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We ask the National Park Service to phase out snowmobiles by the 2011-12 season, encourage the use of snowcoaches, and provide greater opportunities for winter wildlife-watching.

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129071 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Bar Snowmobiles Completely Allowing snowmobiles to continue in Yellowstone even at the reduced level of the interim rule would give snowmobile boosters a foot in the door for future expansion. Even now, off-road vehicle advocates are complaining about the interim rule. In a recent alert to their members the Blue Ribbon Coalition advocated increasing the number of snowmobiles per day and allowing individuals to become certified as guides. No doubt there will be attempts to weaken the noise and emission standards, as well. The best way to end these assaults is to bar snowmobiles completely. Eight former Directors of the National Park Service have urged a complete ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone. We agree with their perception that allowing snowmobiles to continue "would be a radical departure from the Interior Department's stewardship mission."

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1428 **Comment Id:** 129023 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park (YNP) is a unique and spectacular destination for visitors from around the world. While accommodating these visitors is one of the responsibilities of YNP, the greatest and least flexible component to be addressed in a management plan is wildlife and it's habitat. The Conservation Alliance strongly supports the gradual phase out of snowmobiles in the park. This decrease in motorized access during winter will help wildlife successfully survive the rigorous winters.

Organization: Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance

Commenter: Louise Lasley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128823 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: March 30, 2010 VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION & US CERTIFIED MAIL Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone NP, WY 82190 Re: Comments to Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Winter Use Plan, Yellowstone National Park, January 29, 2010 Dear Sir or Madam: The members of Rock the Earth, a national nonprofit corporation, hereby submit comments on the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Winter Use Plan ("Scoping Document"), for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (jointly, the "Parks"). The Parks are currently operating under an interim Winter Use policy, which will expire following the winter of 2010/2011 . NPS intends to complete the EIS and issue new regulations, if necessary, based on the

outcome of the EIS process, prior to the start of the 2011/2012 winter season. It is our opinion based on all of the evidence in the public record, that the National Park Service ("NPS") must include the re-introduction of a ban on recreational snowmobile and snowplane use in the Parks in the Scoping Document. Further, it is our opinion that a ban on snowmobile and snowplane use should be the policy option selected for the long term Winter Use Plan. Access to the Parks remote areas should continue to be provided by the use of snowcoaches. This is consistent with the decision that NPS and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) when they published the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("2000 FEIS") and Record of Decision for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway ("2000 ROD") on November 22, 2000.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128824 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Further, it is our belief that subsequent environmental reviews that have occurred over the past ten years, including the information contained in the 2007 FEIS and ROD and the Environmental Assessment issued on November 3, 2008 ("2008 EA") support a Winter Use Plan that disallows the use of snowmobiles in the Parks. Therefore, it is our view that the NPS should reaffirm the remedies originally adopted by the 2000 ROD and should implement a Winter Use Plan prohibiting snowmobiles in the Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128825 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I. Rock the Earth. Rock the Earth ("RtE") is a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation with a national membership of concerned citizens who regularly utilize the national park system, year-round, for recreational activities. Its members regularly seek the peace, quiet and solitude of the National Park system for reflection, spiritual inspiration, and exercise, while engaging in recreational activities which include hiking, camping, photography, meditation, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and non-motorized water sports. RtE members will be directly affected by the continuation of the current policy, allowing for continued snowmobile usage within the Parks and the decision will diminish visitors'/members' ability to experience the Parks in their natural state, thereby reducing visitor enjoyment.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128826 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: RtE members have several grounds for concern. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are prominent among the meager segment of the Earth that remains for the activities we as individuals revere. It is our collective conclusion that as informed citizens, it is our responsibility to present this case for protecting these treasured fragments of the Earth. Continued use of snowmobiles in these pristine areas will devastate the naturally wild environment. High air quality, untainted wildlife habitat, raw terrain and an aura of silence are critical to the bliss we have discovered in the parks. Therefore, we find it not only our right, but also our responsibility to be concerned.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128832 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Therefore, based on the Organic Act and the General Authorities Act, both of which demand that areas designated as National Parks be conserved, preserved and that uses contrary to these principles must not be allowed, along with the fact that the CAA requires the elimination of uses which impair air quality, the NPS should reinstate the ban on snowmobiles recommended by the 2000 FEIS and the 2000 ROD

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128834 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Federal regulations similarly limit the use of snowmobiles on National Park lands. The primary federal regulation that addresses such snowmobile use is found at 36 CFR 2.18, which generally prohibits the use of snowmobiles on National Park lands, except where designated and "only when their use is consistent with the park's natural, cultural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations, park management objectives, and will not disturb wildlife or damage park resources." 36 CFR 2.18(c) (emphasis added). The restatement of these principles in the Redwood Act is intended to serve as the basis for any judicial resolution of competing private and public values. In the Redwood Act, Congress provided that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for the enjoyment of them, conservation is to be the primary concern. 16 U.S.C. 1a-1; See also 2000 ROD, at 12; 2003 ROD at 18; 2004 EA at 12.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128843 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: For the reasons that follow, the presence of snowmobiles in the Parks is not only inappropriate, but contrary to laws, regulations, policies and guidance controlling the creation and use of the parks. The use of snowmobiles in the Parks causes adverse impacts and damage to the park resources, disturbs wildlife and impairs the Parks by reducing air quality, natural soundscapes and as a result, diminishes visitor experiences.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128853 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Many visitors use the Parks during the winter season, and while visitors have a range of winter recreation opportunities, ranging from primitive to developed, it is the NPS' obligation to ensure that such recreational experiences are offered in an appropriate setting that such experiences do not take place where they will irreparably impact air quality, wildlife, cultural areas or the experiences of other parks' visitors, or other parks' values and resources. By all accounts snowmobile use in current numbers is in conflict with the use of the parks' facilities by other user groups. For trails open to both motorized and non-motorized users, non-motorized users express dissatisfaction with the sound, odor, and quantity of snowmobiles. These vehicles affect the solitude, quiet, clean air, and other resource values that many people expect and wish to enjoy in national parks. Parks have documented health hazards from snowmachine emissions, harassment and unintended impacts on wildlife from groomed trails and their use, degradation of air-quality-related values and impacts on the natural soundscape. RtE members join many others in strongly objecting to the degradation of the parks' inherent values, as well as how these impacts affect people and their recreational opportunities.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128854 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Under a policy prohibiting snowmobiles in the Parks, opportunities to view wildlife and scenery would not be reduced for the Parks. Furthermore, there would be a major beneficial effect on visitors' ability to experience natural quiet and solitude with the implementation of such a policy. In addition, there would be a major reduction in vehicle emissions that would provide a major beneficial improvement in opportunities to experience clean air in all three Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128860 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The current policy provides for continued snowmobile access to the Parks. It also places "Best Available Technology" restrictions on all recreational snowmobile use in the Parks. Even so, when compared with the 2000 ROD, continued use of snowmobiles in the Parks will still lead to diminished visitor experiences, diminished quiet and solitude to many visitors, and decreased opportunities to experience clean air, especially on peak days. The continued presence of snowmobiles will result in continuing negative impacts to air quality and adversely impacting the natural soundscapes of the Parks, so as to undercut the majority of visitors' overall experience and thus failing to remove the impairment to park resources in the shortest possible time. For these reasons, the NPS should eliminate snowmobile access to the Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128862 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: IV. The Negative Impact that Snowmobiles Have on Air Quality Warrants the Implementation of a Policy Prohibiting Snowmobile Use in the Parks. As was demonstrated in the 2000 FEIS and 2000 ROD, the effect of snowmobile emissions on air quality was identified as a primary concern for visitors, with respect to health, natural resources, and aesthetic and wilderness values. For example, on high snowmobile use days in Yellowstone National Park, the visual evidence and odor of snowmobile exhaust was apparent in some areas. In selecting the original alternative in the 2000 FEIS banning snowmobiles from the Parks by 2003-2004, the NPS concluded that there would be major beneficial effects in air quality in the Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128864 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The 2008 EA contains a discussion of the impacts of banning snowmobiles from the Parks, considering factors such as air quality, wildlife, the natural soundscape, visitor access and experience and economics. The air quality in the parks has indeed improved over the past decade, primarily due to reduced snowmobile use and BAT snowmobile use. Saying that the air quality is getting better relative to prior negative air quality impacts is not enough, however. Currently, both Wyoming and Montana encompass areas listed as Class I attainment, which warrant additional protections in the Clean Air Act. The government concedes that the increased number of snowmobiles in the park in recent decades has brought the air pollution issue to the forefront. RtE supports development of a long term Winter Use Plan which eliminates snowmobile use in the Parks but allows

for commercial snowcoach travel, along with development of BAT standards for snowcoaches, thereby resulting in even further improvements in air quality that would be "beneficial" compared to the use allowed by the interim policy.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128871 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: VI. The Negative Impact that Snowmobiles Have on Wildlife Warrants the Prohibition of Snowmobiles in the Parks Wildlife and wildlife habitats are highly valued park resources and are addressed as such in the Organic Act. All policy statements regarding the conservation of park resources and values therefore apply to wildlife. Avoidance of unacceptable impacts (NPS 2006: 1.4.7.1) is notable in this regard, as it applies to all park resources and values. Park managers must not allow uses that would cause unacceptable impacts: i.e., those which would impede the attainment of desired conditions for natural resources, or diminish opportunities for current or future generations to enjoy and be inspired by those resources. 2008 EA, at 3-1. In addition to the protections offered by the Organic Act and Yellowstone Enabling Act, wildlife is also specifically protected by NPS's snowmobile regulation. See 36 C.F.R. 2.18(c) (Snowmobiles are prohibited "except where designated and only when their use is consistent with the park's natural, cultural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations, and park management objectives, and will not disturb wildlife or damage park resources.").

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128872 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The main impacts on wildlife are the potential effects on bison and elk. The NPS believes that the impact on populations of bison and elk is no "moderate or greater adverse effects to natural abundances, diversities, dynamics, distributions, habitats, and behaviors," while acknowledging that individual animals may suffer significant impacts due to displacement and behavioral/physiological effects. Under the Proposed Rule, the impacts on other species such as lynx and wolverine as "negligible, adverse, short term." Impacts to the bald eagle and swan would similarly be "negligible to moderate, adverse, short-term." Further, frequent problems have been documented as a result of unsafe snowmobile use around bison where the bison were often pushed off roadways. Wolverines have abandoned their dens presumably as a result of human disturbance of the areas in which the dens lie . Fish, reptiles and amphibians were historically considered to be in danger due to water pollution from toxins released into the snow and the subsequent snowmelt. Given the NPS mandates, we believe that the NPS should develop a long term Winter Use Plan disallowing the use of snowmobiles in the Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128879 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: VII. A Winter Use Plan Eliminating Snowmobile Use Would Not Result in a Significant Adverse Economic Impact. One of the principal claims by the business communities and park concessionaires in the "gateway communities" surround the Parks is that the elimination of snowmobiles in the Parks will cause a devastating economic hardship on those who rely on the income from snowmobile rentals and sales. Furthermore, such interests claim that "snowcoaches only" is not financially feasible. The fact of the matter is that the social and economic impacts related to the elimination of most snowmobile use in the Parks was thoroughly considered by the NPS prior to developing the interim winter use policy. The NPS concluded that the negative economic impacts to snowmobile vendors could be mitigated to a high degree by providing oversnow access using mass transit snowcoaches.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128880 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: While the decrease or loss of snowmobiling opportunities in the parks certainly equates to an "adverse economic impact," these impacts "are not considered irreversible or long term in the context of the total economy." It is possible that the negative regional impacts of some alternatives (such as banning snowmobiles) could be offset by a change in the type and mix of visitors coming to the parks. In fact, based on the analysis conducted by the NPS, the gains to non-snowmobilers generally outweigh the losses to snowmobilers and local businesses. 69 FR 54081. See also, 2007 DEIS at 173. (emphasis added). The NPS analyzed economic issues that may arise under various proposed alternatives in the 2007 FEIS. Findings showed that individuals and businesses in communities surrounding the parks could potentially be affected by the implementation of the various alternatives, though overall, according to studies cited in the 2007 FEIS, tax data from recent years indicates that snowmobile use in the parks has declined, as has overall visitation, but the economy has not been affected in most areas. Lodging and tax data for the Parks indicates that declines in snowmobile entry into the Parks as well as winter visitation to the Parks in general have not "detectably impacted" the economies of the counties surrounding the parks. The NPS determined that the only one of 5 regional economic areas examined would be economically affected by changes in winter use management of the parks. In fact, according to the NPS, rebounding and snowcoach passengers have been increasing since the 1996-1997 Winter Season. Furthermore, the number of visitors in the parks since the 1996-1997 Winter Season has been increasing while the levels of snowmobile use have been decreasing. Therefore, despite claims by businesses in the gateway communities that banning snowmobiles will have an irreversible, permanent, and dramatic negative impact on the local economy, the evidence to date does not support such claims and, in fact,

contradicts them.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128881 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: VIII. Conclusion The scoping process for the final Winter Use Plan for the Parks must include a thorough review of the impacts of snowmobiles on all aspects of Park management, including the following factors, which were discussed in more detail above: ? Park policies and Federal regulations that pertain to the use of snowmobiles; ? The impact of snowmobile use on the experiences of other visitors to the Parks; ? The negative impacts to air quality as a result of snowmobile use; ? The impact on the natural soundscapes from the presence of snowmobiles in the Parks; and ? The negative effects to Park wildlife caused by the use of snowmobiles in the Parks A complete ban on snowmobile use, as originally provided for by the 2000 ROD, should be one of the options considered in light of the above factors. The expeditious removal of snowmobiles is mandated under all applicable legal authority; it is clearly based on all scientific information collected over a 20-year period; and it is overwhelming recommended by the majority of visitors and experts who have reviewed the data and public commentators at every step of this long and drawn-out process. On behalf the members of Rock the Earth, we strongly register our position that the NPS should not allow snowmobiles into the Parks. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Marc A. Ross President Rock the Earth

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 452 **Comment Id:** 129199 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a treasure. Snowmobiles are not necessary.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127022 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: This year once again I am writing to urge the Winter Use Scoping members to heed the finding of scientists and park specialists and the wishes of the majority of U.S. citizens who continue to speak up for a banning of snowmobile use by park visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127028 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please put an end to visitor snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 682 **Comment Id:** 126852 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have closely followed the Winter use plans for YNP over the years and have commented in the past. I recommend that all snowmobile uses in Yellowstone NP be phased out as soon as possible. They are inconsistent with the values of this national park: they interfere with the experience of being outdoors in the natural environment because of their noise, pollution and imposition by their presence on the setting as they whiz by.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 591 **Comment Id:** 127176 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Eliminate snowmobile use in Yellowstone N.P.--allow snow coaches for winter visitation.

Organization:

Commenter: ANDY S BURNETT **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 443 **Comment Id:** 128649 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles have no place in our parks, except for emergency uses. Animals are disturbed, as is the peace of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Eliot J Kaplan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 553 **Comment Id:** 126826 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowmobiles should NOT be allowed to use Yellowstone Park.

Organization: N/A

Commenter: Gerald Hannelly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 326 **Comment Id:** 126515 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I've visited Yellowstone twice in the winter, in 1986 and 1999. Both times we took a snowcoach to the Old Faithful area (from West Yellowstone in '86; from Mammoth Hot Springs in '99). Both were wonderful experiences, but both would've been even better sans snowmobiles, which could be heard even when x/c skiing several miles from the Old Faithful ski lodge and cabins. I understand the snowmobiles are not, finally quieter and less polluting, but there are thousands upon thousands of miles of old logging roads and other trails throughout our National Forests where snowmobiles are permitted. Since science and public opinion have both consistently been on the side of removing snowmobiles from our first national park, it is time, already, to get it done.

Organization:

Commenter: James Swaney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 326 **Comment Id:** 126516 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Stand up to the West Yellowstone and Cody Chambers of Commerce, and to the snowmobile industry, and get these machines OUT of Yellowstone!!

Organization:

Commenter: James Swaney **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 536 **Comment Id:** 126528 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I support the elimination of individual/private snowmobiles in Yellowstone to protect the animals and the environment.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126382 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Previous management plans very clearly stated that snowmobile use should be phased out completely, which is absolutely the most sensible resolution.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 303 **Comment Id:** 126383 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The park rangers manning the entrances are enveloped in pollution and the pristine nature of the park is ruined when snowmobiles overrun the park. There is no need for snowmobiles in the park and this type of winter transportation has clearly been proven to be damaging to the park's ecology.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 256 **Comment Id:** 126915 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please continue to phase out snowmobiles while phasing in snowcoaches and human powered touring.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Chris Gaughan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 185 **Comment Id:** 129223 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: NO snowmobiles. I'll never forget the experience of leaving a warming hut and seeing and hearing (the latest technology snowmobiles) racing away. Also, while enjoying being outside the snow coach with the quiet peaceful serenity of incredible landscapes, and photographing bison, the extreme noise and disturbance of zoom zoom of an escorted group of snowmobiles was a rude awakening. Talk about spoiling the peaceful natural beauty of YNP.

Organization:

Commenter: Donna A Machen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 524 **Comment Id:** 126486 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think that all snowmobiles should be completely banned from Yellowstone National Park throughout the winter.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 521 **Comment Id:** 126480 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I strongly urge you to eliminate snowmobiles from the park. The intimate, controlled experience in a guided snow coach is preferable for both humans and wildlife. Please end the use of snow mobiles.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 418 **Comment Id:** 128581 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I favor not allowing snowmobiles in either Yellowstone or Teton National Parks. They disrupt quiet enjoyment of the parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 418 **Comment Id:** 128583 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please just get rid of the snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 181 **Comment Id:** 129232 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I fully support eliminating private snowmachine use (based on existing research, Park

objectives, and visitor input). Motorized winter visitor travel should rely exclusively on concessionaire-operated snowcoaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Riley McClelland **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 415 **Comment Id:** 128569 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: No snowmobiles should allowed anywhere in the park as there are plenty of other federal lands available for their use.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 415 **Comment Id:** 128573 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: The park should be open to patrons on foot, snowshoes, cross-country skis, etc.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 127000 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see a ban on snow mobile use in Yellowstone Park and in all of our national parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1544 **Comment Id:** 129387 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Superintendent Suzanne Lewis: Just last night I was looking at some photographs that I had taken in Yellowstone of some bison and elk. I was able to drive my car, stop and wait until I got the photograph I wanted. As a professional photographer who values the natural wonder of Yellowstone National Park in the winter, I wonder how the management plan is being developed. I ask the National Park Service to use the best available sound science; provide for accurate fidelity to the law and policy mandates of the National Park Service; and create a long-term

management plan that is in the best long-term public interest. The scooping notice describes objectives of providing public access while protecting Yellowstone National Park's resources, increasing visitor understanding, and providing reliable access. "Snowcoaches meet these objectives by minimizing vehicle numbers and maximizing opportunities for interpretation and education." Definitely, snowmobiles are not the way.

Organization: Memories by Marne, Photography

Commenter: Marlene Morris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1339 **Comment Id:** 128980 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hello, I've been riding snowmobiles for over 15 years and continue to do so. But I have to vote to keep the snowmobiles OUT of Yellowstone at all costs. I witness the noise, destruction and how they change the environment on a first hand basis each year. We need to preserve our sacred resources like Yellowstone and fight to keep what we have. People just can't do whatever they like and not be concerned with the impact they have on our world. CLOSE YELLOWSTONE TO SNOWMOBILES.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 653 **Comment Id:** 126786 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no place in Yellowstone for snowmobiles. After a snow we have plenty of them in our rural Iowa and hearing them and smelling them is like fingernails on a chalk board. Many times my walks in Prarie Rose, a state park, has been ruined by snowmobiles.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129498 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The draft is OK so far as it goes, but stops short of eliminating snowmobiles, which is obviously the best plan if we really value wildlife.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129501 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Eliminating snowmobiles is the next logical step.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129508 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Your best options are to cease explosive avalanche control, prohibit snowmobiles, encourage snowcoaches and cross-country skiing, and provide for more interpretive services to the visiting public. Ski patrols by rangers to enforce this new biofriendly plan will need helicopter backup for the interception of violators, and for rescue emergencies. Contracts with nearby heli-skiing operators may be the most cost effective way to accomplish this. Involving them also means less chance of unwanted intrusions by helicopters.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 392 **Comment Id:** 126698 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 1. SNOWMOBILES They're much better now! Still seems like there are a lot of them and they're still a nuisance. Will the manufacturers keep producing 4-strokes for such a limited market? It's probably time to do away with them and be done with them.

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Sloan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 648 **Comment Id:** 126776 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I appreciate the improvements to winter traffic that have already been made. I support removal of *all* snow mobiles in the park. I'm sure you are aware of the benefits to air quality and wildlife, so I will not discuss those.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 514 **Comment Id:** 126463 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please limit or altogether eliminate snowmobiles from the Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126948 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The use of snowmobiles in the park should be outlawed because the disturbance they create interferes with bison survival as well as that of other animals.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 126962 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: I wish to see ALL individual 'snowmobile' use ENDED in Yellowstone N.P. ALL winter visitors should be accommodated in Snowcoaches. It matters little to me whether 'snowmobiles' are 2 or 4-stroke, loud or quiet, 'clean' or polluting. They have no place in a National Park where wildlife are vulnerable, in winter particularly, to harassment, whether purposeful or inadvertent.

Organization: CNPSR NPCA

Commenter: Don H Castleberry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 2 **Comment Id:** 126966 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: For people who like 'snowmobiles', there is adequate space for such use OUTSIDE the park, on lands properly dedicated to "multiple use". National Parks are NOT such places. They are not places for high-density 'sport', that can and should occur elsewhere. Leave these SPECIAL PLACES for quiet, reflective and thoughtful appreciation of the wildlife, scenery and natural resources.

Organization: CNPSR NPCA

Commenter: Don H Castleberry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1665 **Comment Id:** 130121 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Keep snowmobilers out!

Organization:

Commenter: JC Thrush **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 753 **Comment Id:** 127069 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: PLEASE PUT IN PLACE A YELLOWSTONE FREE FROM SNOWMOBILES! THERE ARE PLENTY OF BEAUTIFUL AREAS OUTSIDE THE PARK FOR SNOWMOBILES, BUT YELLOWSTONE NEEDS THE SNOWCOACHES OR CROSS COUNTRY SKIS OR SNOWSHOES AS WINTER TRAVEL. KEEP OUR 1ST NATIONAL PARK A CLEAN QUIET AND SPECIAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THOSE THAT ENJOY SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE.

Organization: GYC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 691 **Comment Id:** 126868 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems plainly clear to me that snowmobiles have no place in the natural beauty of a national park. There is nothing natural about them. Please keep them out!

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 646 **Comment Id:** 126775 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep snowmobiles out of Yellowstone. They desecrate that precious place.

Organization:

Commenter: Julie Ford **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 561 **Comment Id:** 126837 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We must find an environmentally friendly way to permit use of parks in winter without the devastation of snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Arthur Leibowitz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1316 **Comment Id:** 127709 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are not allowed in any other national parks (from my web search, correct me if wrong). I have skied in Yosemite and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and am waiting for the day when I can cross country ski in Yellowstone. Please do the right thing and eliminate snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and do it now.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1315 **Comment Id:** 128987 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please consider all of these factors above and eliminate all snowmobiles from Yellowstone National Park in all seasons. Thank you.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 680 **Comment Id:** 126849 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to see snowmobiles(OSV) severely restricted if not totally restricted from Yellowstone National Park in the up coming long term plan. I was in the park 5 winters ago skiing-it was beautiful-peaceful-until we would see some snow machines. Granted they had a guide and were extremely polite they just don't seem to fit into the culture of what the park is all about.....nature, wildlife and natural wonders of the world.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 213 **Comment Id:** 126919 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I want to advocate that the new plan not only continues to limit motorized vehicles in the park, but also goes further by eliminating the use of snowmobiles. Snowmobiles don't belong in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128642 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: NPS - I very much appreciate the improvements that have been made to Yellowstone's winter management in the 2008 Interim Winter Use Plan that reduced motorized traffic, and required cleaner, quieter machines. But it stopped short of replacing snowmobiles with environmentally superior snowcoaches in the Park. I strongly urge you to consider a new management plan that should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park. Snowcoaches do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1311 **Comment Id:** 128648 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The National Park Service is mandated to incorporate the best sound science into its management decisions. Four previous studies have concluded that the phase-out of snowmobile use and the expansion of snowcoach use is required to meet this mandate. I urge you to implement a winter use plan that considers all the above. Sincerely, Maureen Farrell

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 947 **Comment Id:** 127502 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please follow the strong advice of many former NPS directors and ban snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Clusen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 946 **Comment Id:** 127490 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I feel snowmobiles and coaches should not be allowed because of pollution and noise they bring to Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Steve Tuttle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 847 **Comment Id:** 127429 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please protect the wildlife of yellowstone, our most treasured national resource, from the noise associated with snowmobiles. Plenty of scientific studies have indicated the negative effects of such activities on wildlife. There are plenty of places to snowmobile. Not may places to go enjoy the peace and quiet of such a wonderful landscape.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 845 **Comment Id:** 127424 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep snowmobiles totally out of Yellowstone NP. This includes ALL snowmobiles. I am a snowmobiler and there are plenty of public federal lands for us to snowmobile upon. We don't need to go into such a special areas as Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 660 **Comment Id:** 126793 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is no place for the stench and noise of snowmachines, or the speed with which they travel. The use of snowcoaches is in keeping with the setting and natural systems of Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: lili simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 120 **Comment Id:** 127008 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are noisy, so disturb the wildlife and the peace, and they sometimes are

harmful to the vegetation. They do not belong in national parks.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127443 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Of the 900,000+ comments that have been submitted to the park during the various iterations of the planning process, the ratio was 4 to 1 in favor of phasing out snowmobile use in Yellowstone.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1489 **Comment Id:** 128523 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We'd love to visit in winter. But not with blue smoke and snow mobiles every where! We want to go on non-motorized vehicles. Please tell the snow machines to enjoy the surrounding national forests - not the park.

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1484 **Comment Id:** 128698 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: No ecosystem should suffer ANY adverse impact from the recreational "needs" of humans. Recreation may be enjoyed any number of ways in Yellowstone other than via snowmobiles. In an age where we SHOULD be trying to reduce our carbon emissions, we need to have public policy which provides disincentives for the types of recreation which cause the most environmental damage, and offer incentives to those activities which have the least environmental impact.

Organization: NRDC/WWF/EDF/Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1484 **Comment Id:** 128699 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Get snowmobiles out of Yellowstone forever!

Organization: NRDC/WWF/EDF/Sierra Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1282 **Comment Id:** 128211 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Forest Service, I am interested in the health and welfare of Yellowstone National Park, not only for myself, but also for the animals that live there and the environment. I have visited Yellowstone twice in the winter and while I was awestruck by it's beauty, I was dismayed by the noise and pollution caused by the huge number of snowmobiles in the park. I was excited that something was being done in 2000 to remedy this problem and am very interested in a long term plan that will eventually phase out snowmobile use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 930 **Comment Id:** 127412 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Please do NOT allow snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: William E Modesitt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 658 **Comment Id:** 126791 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: No to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 207 **Comment Id:** 126709 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I hope you will be phasing out snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 848 **Comment Id:** 127430 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please stick to your objective of removing all Snowmobiles from Yellowstones Winter Use Options

Organization:

Commenter: Arne G Sandberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 220 **Comment Id:** 127283 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Yellowstone should not be a winter playground for snowmobilers. Their exhaust fumes present a health hazard to people like my wife, who has asthma. Their noise disturbs wildlife and ruins the experience for skiers and for folks on snowshoes.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 220 **Comment Id:** 127284 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please keep Yellowstone snowmobile-free!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 143 **Comment Id:** 129260 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I urge you to phase out snow machines entirely. This is the only action that makes sense given past studies and experience.

Organization:

Commenter: George Wuerthner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 142 **Comment Id:** 128314 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please eliminate recreational use of snowmobiles from Yellowstone National Park.

Organization: Outdoor Research / Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Charlse C Lozner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 128382 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Sure maybe one route that a snow coach can take for less agile folks but NO SNOWMACHINES!!!

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 149 **Comment Id:** 129433 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Ban the snowmobiles. If the National Park Service would add up the cost of grooming the roads for snowmobile use - the funds would be better utilized for summer road maintenance.

Organization:

Commenter: Pine Tree Cafe N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 149 **Comment Id:** 129436 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Ban the snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Pine Tree Cafe N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 147 **Comment Id:** 128330 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please keep individual snowmobiles out.

Organization: Cascades Mountaineers and Central Oregon Nordic Club

Commenter: Robert R Sandberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 212 **Comment Id:** 126918 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Snowmobiles should be replaced by more efficient and less disruptive snowcoaches which would provide access to disabled people who are unable to travel by human-powered means such as snowshoeing and skiing.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 198 **Comment Id:** 129212 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I have spent part of the last 2 winters in Yellowstone Park in the Old Faithful area and have not enjoyed the snowmobile portion. I find there are way too many snowmobiles and they all too often disturb as well as sometimes hit wildlife on the roads. They're also noisy and polluting and I have seen several accidents where novice snowmobilers accidently leave the road to crash into the snow. I think they should be banned in the park and snowcoach use be the sole way for the public to see the park. There are more than enough places outside of the park where snowmobiles are used.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 183 **Comment Id:** 129225 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It boggles the mind to understand why noisy, noxious snowmobiles are permitted in a national park. I thought the concept of National Parks was to keep things as natural as possible, while allowing humans to quietly observe the nature-- not disturb and destroy it as do snowmobiles. Snowmobilers have tons of acreage for their machines, so why do they need this national park treasure for their use? They have no business there, and let's get them out as soon as possible.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 343 **Comment Id:** 126591 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The overwhelming conclusion was that snowmobiles should be banned from the Park

and snowcoaches used for public visits to the Park in the winter. In the last 10 or so years countless additional reviews and further scientific studies still consistently and overwhelming support the banning of snowmobiles from Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug Colclasure **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126576 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: This letter is to demonstrate my support for the cessation of snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park. I have been a frequent winter traveler to the park since the early eighties and moved to Wyoming fourteen years ago, in part to be near this magnificent treasure with all of its recreational and scenic opportunities. Since my first trip in 1983, I have been saddened to observe the steady degradation of the park's wilderness quality as snowmobile use has continued to increase. I am an avid cross-country skier who has gone to these wild places to seek solitude and silence. While some might argue that these qualities are not incompatible with snowmobile traffic, there does not seem to be any place in the park where the sound of snowmobiles is not present in contrast to the otherwise pristine landscape of winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL5050 Alternatives: Support No Snowcoach Access (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127366 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Anecdotally, I have spoken to several rangers in Yellowstone who agree with the points made above, especially the intrusiveness of the summer use compared to winter. However, if you must ban snowmobiles to appease the various ignorant and selfish special interest groups, the next best alternative is plowing the road from the west gate to Old Faithful and to Mammoth. Even in that scenario, outfitters could stage snowmobiles at Norris or Old Faithful for visits to Canyon and Lake. I do not believe that snowcoaches are a desirable option because of their terrible fuel efficiency, slow speed and absence of free choice self determination as to where and when to stop by the occupants.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 265 **Comment Id:** 127503 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am writing to encourage my esteemed public lands managers to stop the use of snowmobiles, snowcoaches, and other motorized oversnow vehicles in Yellowstone during winter months.

Organization:

Commenter: David Chenault **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128947 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am commenting on plans to evaluate the use of winter motorized vehicles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. My family has been a proponent of US National Parks for 4 generations. Please keep National Parks as wild as possible for our children and our children's children, where all citizens can come and enjoy quiet nature and wildlife without the pollution and distraction of recreational vehicles such as snow mobiles used for recreational purposes. Please remember that National Parks are Public Parks and should not put Private Enterprise profits in front of our right to enjoy nature the way it is intended in our National Parks.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129273 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A contingent of interest groups have consistently promoted a snowcoach only alternative. This is the alternative that the NPS initially selected at the conclusion of its very first winter use EIS planning process. AWI also supports this option over any alternative that permits snowmobile access through all YNP entrances. However, to minimize the environmental impacts of oversnow motorized recreation in YNP, the alternatives that should be seriously evaluated in the EIS are: A) limiting oversnow motorized recreation (including road packing/grooming) only from the South Entrance to Old Faithful; or B) terminate all oversnow motorized recreational use (including road packing/grooming) throughout the park. Snowcoach operations, while preferable over continued access by groups of snowmobiles, still requires the grooming/packing of snow roads which brings with it all of the associated environmental impacts to ungulates, predator prey dynamics, and general park ecology. Furthermore, road packing/grooming alters the physical winter landscape of YNP introducing a source of artificiality into a system that, by law, is intended to be subject to natural factors through natural regulation.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 415 **Comment Id:** 128573 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: The park should be open to patrons on foot, snowshoes, cross-country skis, etc.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 123 **Comment Id:** 127519 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Elimination of the Bombardier snowcoaches is long overdue.

Organization: GOSA

Commenter: Udo Freund **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 946 **Comment Id:** 127490 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I feel snowmobiles and coaches should not be allowed because of pollution and noise they bring to Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Steve Tuttle **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 204 **Comment Id:** 126461 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Eliminate personal use of snowmobiles and permit snow coaches.

Organization: Back Country Hunters and Anglers

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 383 **Comment Id:** 126682 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park is no place for ANY snowmobiles!!! The noise, pollution, smells, and disruption to wildlife are horrible. I support the MOST MINIMAL numbers of these obnoxious machines. Even the snowcoaches are noisy, polluting, and smelly. I want as little a footprint of man in the national parks as possible. Thank you. Joan Puma Bennet, Sheridan WY

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 265 **Comment Id:** 127505 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please move to exclude motorized vehicles from Yellowstone to the greatest extent possible.

Organization:

Commenter: David Chenault **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL5060 Alternatives: Support Unlimited Snowmobile Access (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 197 **Comment Id:** 129213 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My suggestion for winter use of the park is to allow unrestricted access by BAT snow machines. On this planet dominated by human beings, if such a resource doesn't pay it's own way, it has an unfortunate tendency to go extinct sooner rather than later. Yellowstone's currency is the enjoyment it provides the people. Don't deny us that, or the word National Park will become at best, an oxymoron, at worst, a dirty word.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 887 **Comment Id:** 127613 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There are many cases where improvements have been made through reducing access to the public. However, Yellowstone National Park is NOT one of them. Anyone who wishes to see the park during the winter should be allowed to do so. We have the ability and the right to see the park when and where we wish to see it. We don't need the government holding our hands the entire way. Please don't restrict access any more.

Organization: CAFS

Commenter: Alma H Hansen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 186 **Comment Id:** 129222 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Open up the Park to all users. No restrictions on number of vehicles. I go to the Park often in the Summer, and get irritated at the slow traffic, but I remind myself that the other people should not be restricted to this Treasure.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1320 **Comment Id:** 129016 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: believe that that practice should continue and should include equal access to all forms of recreation for all four seasons of the year. This should include full unlimited access by snowmobiles during winter months which has been the practice for decades.

Organization: AWSC

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Correspondence Id: 823 **Comment Id:** 127296 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do have a problem with limiting the number of machines that come in. The number now is way to low. Most days the outfitters don't even fill their numbers. I think it has been made too difficult for the operators to reach people and let them know that they can go in the park by snowmobile. It has been to expensive to do for regular folks like me. You are taking a huge loss in visitation by some of the rules that have been enacted. Compare how many winter visitors there are now versus before the limitations. I'm sure that there is more that I am forgetting, feel free to contact me if you have further questions, or if you would like to hear more comments. Thank you for listening, I'll be watching to see what happens.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 860 **Comment Id:** 127498 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is imperative that Yellowstone National Park be kept open for winter use including snowmobile access. This park is an amazing gem in this country, and year long access has been shown in impact and environmental studies to be a sustainable use of this resource. Not only do local economies rely on this winter activity, but the American people deserve the access to use this land and witness it's beauty, even in the winter. I implore you to keep unrestricted access to people and snowmobile's.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1070 **Comment Id:** 127780 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please use your authority to maintain snowmobile access to the Park. I do not believe daily limits are necessary because, as I can verify from personal experience, I just don't think it is excessive at this point.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 941 **Comment Id:** 127860 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The North Rim drive at Canyon should be open to snowmobiles all day every day! In the summertime, visitors are not discriminated against because of the vehicle they chose to enjoy the park in, and that should be the case in the winter as well.

Organization:

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AL5065 Alternatives: Support more access (general) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 428 **Comment Id:** 128610 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: My concerns are; should the numbers of snowmobiles/snowcoaches continue to decline, what then will then happen to the business people of West Yellowstone? How do they continue to put food on their tables. We are in a rocky state economically as it is. These winter businesses are already struggling and you want to take away more of their income.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1547 **Comment Id:** 129175 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I see a need for the total #of winter visitors to increase. A reasonable increase would not alter the wildlife impact. Over the last 10 years, much publicity has been given to eliminate

oversnow travel as a result much of the US population is under the impression that Yellowstone is closed in the winter. Once the final EIS is published and the record of decision is implemented, that impression will reverse.

Organization:

Commenter: Bill Schaap **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1583 **Comment Id:** 129804 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In the Long-Term Winter Use plan, please consider providing increased transportation opportunities by snowmobile and snowcoach. I suggest increasing limits on snowmobiles up to maximum sustainable levels that can be supported by scientific studies. This action does not suggest that this number would be reached everyday. On the contrary. Historical gate entries have never reached the maximum number allowed since the 2004 rule, which allowed 400 snowmobiles per day from the west entrance. This cap was never reached (See Figure 3) and that is a point of discussion later in this letter. Contributing factors include: A) Uncertainty created by litigation B) Public vacation plans cannot always fit into the pre-determined daily limits that are imposed on the operator C) The outcome of the EIS has not been known on several occasions until shortly before the winter season opens. This makes it impossible for the public to make plans and reservations sufficiently far in advance and for the operators to make spring snowmobile orders for the right amount of equipment. D) The current economic times that have plagued the country and winter visitation require consideration for a rebound of the economy and Park visitation in the coming years.

Organization: Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha

Commenter: F. W Howell **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1543 **Comment Id:** 129375 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 1) The Town would like to encourage the Park Service to consider alternatives for motorized transportation that maximizes visitor access to Yellowstone National Park during the winter.

Organization: Town of West Yellowstone

Commenter: Pierre Martineau **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1111 **Comment Id:** 127893 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please keep are great viewing and very scenic areas open for all times of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1683 **Comment Id:** 130147 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization: Blue River Coalition

Commenter: Charles Summers **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128716 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Park Planners, Allow me to start by thanking you for the opportunity to comment on the future of winter access to Yellowstone Park. I am a resident of West Yellowstone and have lived here for 39 of my 53 years on this earth. I have seen the early years before winter visitation by oversnow vehicle became popular, the very busy years of the late nineties, and the controversial years of the 2000-2010. I have seen and experienced the decline in visitation since the implementation of the guided only access to Yellowstone thru the South ,East and West gates. It is a shame that you were forced to have to this to the public, because of a strong and well oiled group that does not like snowmobiles.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128717 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In reviewing the notice in the Federal Register dated Jan.20,2010, I see that the West entrance to Yellowstone was omitted from being mentioned as an entrance allowing oversnow vehicles or automobiles. I am sure that this is some sort of oversight and hope that it does not create a problem for you going forward with the Environmental Assessment.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128720 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like to see a proposal that will allow a mixed use of snowmobiles and snowcoaches to enter Yellowstone from the West, East and South gates in the winter. A proposal that is very much like the current temporary rules in place today.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1505 **Comment Id:** 128445 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To all involved: Yellowstone is a wonderful place, with lots of great views of wildlife and mountains. I do not wish to see this place closed to winter recreation, it should be left AS IS so everyone can enjoy it. We as snowmobilers have a love for the outdoors as well as any other group, and do our part in keeping our outdoors useable, for all. Not just for a few select groups of people. If the snowmobiles are not allowed into the park, can you put a dollar amount on the damage it would do to the local economy? IMO if you shut the park of to one group you should shut it off to everyone and everything, yes that means close the gates and let it be!! No forest service, no parks department, no hikers, no show shoers. Our tax dollars and our revenue made the park what it is today, so why should the snowmobile groups get singled out, and not beable to use what is ours! Leave the park alone and let everyone enjoy it!!

Organization: SAWA

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Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127259 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do have a problem with limiting the number of machines that come in. The number now is way to low. Most days the outfitters don't even fill their numbers. I think it has been made too difficult for the operators to reach people and let them know that they can go in the park by snowmobile. It has been to expensive to do for regular folks like me. You are taking a huge loss in visitation by some of the rules that have been enacted. Compare how many winter visitors there are now versus before the limitations. I'm sure that there is more that I am forgetting, feel free to contact me if you have further questions, or if you would like to hear more comments. Thank you for listening, I'll be watching to see what happens.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 25 **Comment Id:** 129396 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I personally believe that the N.P. service is being WAY TOO RESTRICTIVE with

their current and probable future WINTER usage regulations. I have never been turned AWAY at any entrance gate due to my mode of preferred transportation in the past visits. But as it stands now and probably in the foreseeable future, I WOULD probably be turned AWAY at ALL entrances in the winter months, either because of RESERVATIONS ONLY, YOUR ALLOWABLE NUMBERS or MY PRIVATELY OWNED MODE OF TRANSPORT.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 25 **Comment Id:** 129397 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I do not believe that 3 or 4 hundred personally owned snowmobiles per day OR LESS is enough to be considered EQUAL ACCESS, unless that is all the individual SNOW COACH PASSENGERS Y.N.P. also allows.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 25 **Comment Id:** 129401 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please re-consider your OVERLY RESTRICTIVE restrictions.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 140 **Comment Id:** 129512 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I encourage careful comparison of summer and winter environments. There is a small amount of air pollution tolerated during the summer months by thousands of automobiles in the park. A small amount of air pollution should also be tolerated in the winter. Animals are distracted--even harassed--by throngs of photographers that clog the park roads all summer long. Animals, similarly, may experience a small degree of human intrusion in the winter months. As a committee, you will have access to data the public will not see. Study the data carefully for us. I implore you, where minimal long-term environmental risk exists, select options that allow visitation opportunities to be maximized.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1648 **Comment Id:** 129923 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: We support this management change and believe at least one alternative should have the provision of increasing the daily limit to a more reasonable level, coupled with a flexible daily limit requirement that allows credit for slow visitation days. This can be controlled by establishing a cap whereby the number of peak days could not exceed a predetermined percentage of the total season days. Our support for this approach is tied to the inclusion of an alternative that also has the changes in the commercial guide requirement and BAT requirement as already identified above

Organization: Utah Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Curtis Kennedy **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1431 **Comment Id:** 128988 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - A provision should also be made for snowcoach numbers to increase at the end of the 2013 contract.

Organization: Park County Commission

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 282 **Comment Id:** 127641 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like to see the beauty of the Park open for more access in the Winter instead of being blocked by Special Interest Groups.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1588 **Comment Id:** 129632 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Viable Winter Access While snowcoaches can help support winter access to Yellowstone, they are not capable of providing dependable access to the entire park since they are slow and often uncomfortable and undependable for extended trips, particularly to the eastern reaches of the park's interior. Any alternative that depends solely upon snow coaches for park access, because it would be a de-facto closure of the park's interior and particularly the eastern and northern portions of the Grand Loop, would be improper to adopt. Similarly, it would be improper to allow no level, or only a severely limited level, of motorized vehicle access to the park. Yellowstone is far too large and

remote of an area to believe that any level of "only human-powered" recreational access would be reasonable or particularly safe given the vastness of the park. Furthermore, road grooming is critical for winter travel in Yellowstone ? not only for visitor access, but also for park administrative, maintenance, and security functions within the park boundaries ? so it would be counterproductive and in action fact detrimental to believe the park would be appropriately managed and adequately protected if the primary interior roads are ungroomed.

Organization: State of Wyoming- Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources

Commenter: Domenic Bravo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1575 **Comment Id:** 129527 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The current interim winter use plan is far too restrictive in numbers of visitors allowed which is causing the Park to be vastly underutilized to the detriment of the Public and their access to the Park.

Organization: Yellowstone Tour & Travel Summer and Winter

Commenter: Clyde Seely **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128891 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A key goal of our organization has been to develop projects and ideas that diversify the economy of West Yellowstone and broaden its base. We are pursuing this goal because we believe a diverse economy is a healthy economy. Recently, we have been forced to seek diversification at a more extreme pace because of the lost revenue caused by the curtailment of snowmobile access into Yellowstone National Park. Access into the Park in the summer and the winter, by snowmobile, snow coach, or any other means, has been and still is the most important component of the West Yellowstone economy. For this reason, the key issue for us in regards to the EIS is access to the Park. The West Yellowstone community has a very large stake in the health and vitality of the Park. We support the National Park Service (NPS) efforts in managing the Park for the good of all. However, it is our belief that the Park is vastly underutilized in the winter season. Consequently many lodging, restaurant, equipment rental, and gift shop businesses are no longer open in the winter. School enrollment is in decline. This community simply cannot survive with the current level of Park access that is being allowed during the winter time.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128896 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: WYED has been very diligent and has had some success with innovative ideas such as the very successful Buffalo Roam project and leading the campaign to establish a Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) in West Yellowstone. We are also looking forward to developing an education project in West Yellowstone because we know the Park hosts hundreds of scientists and educators from around the world every year. There are other projects as well, but most of them rely on access to the Park. In all reality, there is nothing that can take the place of Yellowstone National Park as the major economic engine for our gateway community and it all begins with access. More to the point, it all begins with increased access compared to what has been available over the past several years.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128899 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We feel the NPS and most businesses and observers in the Greater Yellowstone Basin understand the core problems. Rather than continuing to re-hash the problems, WYED would like to propose some solutions for your consideration. It is imperative that our community be able to provide goods and services to a much larger audience in order to be sustained economically. Our gateway community needs to be vibrant and economically healthy on a year-round basis in order to provide the visitor with a great Park experience. From past experience, we know that an economically sustainable number of winter visitors for the Town of West Yellowstone is a minimum of 60,000 snowmobile and snow coach visitors going through the West Gate. We presently serve less than half this amount due in part to limited access. The key to achieving this sustainable number of winter visitors is increased access to the Park.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128904 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There are probably other options that have merit. The suggestions above are simply options that WYED would ask the NPS to consider. We look forward to working with you on your policy decision and doing what we can to help implement it for the benefit of the Park and our community. It could be argued that litigation is inevitable no matter which option is selected. However, the central theme to any of these options and the core principal that should be included, in our opinion, is increased access. Without more, better, less-expensive, and more easily available access to the Park, America's "best idea" may never be experienced in the winter by a huge percentage of Americans and international visitors. This would obviously be a tragedy for the West Yellowstone community but also for anyone who desires to visit our oldest and arguably most important national park in the winter time.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128905 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In conclusion, we encourage the NPS to focus on making increased access, by any and all means possible, its number one priority as the EIS moves forward. We want to be a strong partner in providing the visitor with a wonderful overall Park experience in both the winter and the summer. Thank you for your consideration on this most vital issue

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1659 **Comment Id:** 129977 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please consider developing an Alternative that considers increasing the daily limits and an Alternative that considers modification of the Guide system to allow individuals to become certified as guides.

Organization: Capital Trail Vehicle Association (CTVA)

Commenter: Ken Salo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 956 **Comment Id:** 127610 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The public's right to visit and enjoy their park is vastly understated. Public visitation should be allowed to increase significantly.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1390 **Comment Id:** 127133 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Commercial snowmobile and snowcoach use should not be limited.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard D Stout **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 763 **Comment Id:** 127088 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Added revenue generated by increased winter usage could be used to increase patrols of the open area to provide for public safety, protect wildlife, and educated visitors. Please make it possible for as many people as possible to enjoy one of our greatest national treasures during the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1119 **Comment Id:** 127913 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a frequent visitor to the town of West Yellowstone, MT., I am appalled at the thought of closing the park in the winter. For the NPS or any other special interest group to suggest that a couple of hundred EPA approved snowmobiles could have a negative impact on the park is absurd. I believe it was the NPS that was celebrating a record of 900,000+ visitors in July of 2009. I am sure that a considerable number of those summer visitors were traveling non EPA compliant diesel trucks with huge 5th wheelers in tow and huge diesel and gas (guzzling) motorhomes. I have not read of any noise or health complaints related to those statistics. In summary, the NPS should be ashamed of itself for allowing the manipulation by special interest groups that are trying to keep the park all to themselves in the winter season.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Dean A Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 858 **Comment Id:** 127494 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As to snowmobile use in Yellowstone NP, I would like to add these thoughts. We, as a family, went into YNP by snowmobile over 20 years ago. We really enjoyed the experience. We have taken our kids and grandkids in several times until the restrictions were placed on the entry. Many times we made the loop ride all around the park. This is a thrill that should not be denied to anyone!! It is unique and a one of a kind. Over the years we have seen no damage to the area or the wildlife. It looks like nothing has changed. There are ways to handle the "crowds" without using limits. How does Disney handle increases? NOT by putting on limits. They figure changes that will enhance the experience! Lets try something like that. As a family, we do not want to have restrictions on our enjoyment of NATURE. Lets look at using the Park so everybody can enjoy it like we have.

Organization:

Commenter: Gordon Winlow **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1462 **Comment Id:** 128956 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: While many are using this scoping opportunity to further their individual agendas, the real issue comes down to access. As the Nation's first National Park, people from around the world come to visit. However in the last ten years, the visitation has been dwindling. I believe there are several reasons for this: The inconsistency in winter policy, the expense to individuals and families of the current plan, the declining snowmobile industry as a whole, and general economy issues. I do, nevertheless, believe it is time for the Park Service to develop and maintain a permanent winter use plan.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna Turner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 21 **Comment Id:** 129395 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: RAISE THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1382 **Comment Id:** 127214 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The number of visitors to the park can and should be increased. This park has many wonders that are so beautiful during the winter, that it is a shame on the park service to not allow more people the opportunity to view them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 890 **Comment Id:** 127687 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The economy in West Yellowstone is already struggling during the winter because of all the regulations that are in place. I strongly suggest that it be left open for public use during the winter at least as it currently is or even with more open policies.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1222 **Comment Id:** 126359 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The new four stroke snowmobiles have very little emissions, and the park is underused in the winter. If anything, there should be less restriction on the number of people and vehicles entering the park in winter and more restriction in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: JD Stephenson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1306 **Comment Id:** 128622 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I believe that they should not impose anymore limitations and in fact reduce the limitations so more average citizens can use the park. Thanks, Arlen wente

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Arlen Wente **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1097 **Comment Id:** 127850 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a strong proponent for allowing snowmobile use in all National Parks including, but not limited to Yellowstone NP. The current restrictions on snowmobile use in Yellowstone are unacceptable and should be re-opened to allow greater access by the general tax paying public.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127600 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: You should be working to make Yellowstone more accessible to the public, not less. The vast majority of snowmobilers have followed all the rules imposed. Wildlife is not scared by snowmobilers. Bison walk right up to snowmobilers who are stopped on the trail. Cross country skiers are always asking for exclusive use area. They are always asking that others be excluded from the areas they are using but offer no concessions for areas that they are to be excluded from.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1051 **Comment Id:** 126296 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I realize that there should be regulation on how many snowmobiles and coaches visits the park but I believe that closing or making any more restrictions is totally unreasonable.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 26 **Comment Id:** 129481 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I think we should have a set number of snowmobiles and snow coaches allowed into the park during winter months. I think that number should be higher than it is currently. This will help boost winter tourism for West Yellowstone and the businesses inside the Park as well. More people would be willing to come and see this wondrous creation that we all love and enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 26 **Comment Id:** 129482 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In closing: raise the number of snowmobile and snow coaches allowed into Yellowstone Park during the winter months. It is a win win situation for the local economy and for promoting tourism in the greatest national park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 851 **Comment Id:** 127462 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My family has owned property in the community of West Yellowstone for 64 years. The current questions of access, back and forth judicial decisions, and negative publicity regarding winter use, snowmobile use, and access issues have had, and continue to have, an astounding negative effect on our local economy and community. The varied decisions over the last ten years have negatively affected job creation and retention, attracting and keeping year round families and a viable work force; numbers of students attending school and school funding; providing of emergency services, medical support and other necessary services, suppliers and vendors required for the millions of visitors that annually pass through the West gate. Our community has changed from a thriving

vibrant winter destination to one with shuttered hotels, motels, restaurants and storefronts, a seasonal work force and large and significant decline in resort tax revenues. As you are aware from the NPS records, the numbers of visitors who have passed through the West gate during the 'winter season' has declined dramatically over the past ten years; since the inception of the varied 'winter use plans' which are constantly being challenged, involved in court actions, with wide spread negative and uninformed news coverage, and ever changing and uncertain. The current winter use plan allowing 318 snowmobiles and 84 snowcoaches admitted through ALL Park entrances, 160 being allowed through the West entrance, is not an economically viable or sustainable solution for the community of West Yellowstone or the Park as a whole. Our economy and community cannot be sustained at the current allowed number of 160 visitors per day through the West entrance during the winter season.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129096 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: (2) Park-wide daily snowmobile entries beyond 318;

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127416 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some flexibility in permit numbers during a few choice weeks of the season would give the gateway community a better chance for income. In truth I would like to see an over all increase of permit numbers for snow vehicles so that some of my friends who didn't get to guide very many trips this winter can go back to work full time. I also think more flexibility would allow for seasons cut short by late first snow or early snow melt to still prove profitable since that seems to be the trend in the weather.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 844 **Comment Id:** 127422 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In closing I am in the opinion that what we are doing in the park is not putting excess strain on the environment or wildlife. The economy of gateway communities is in a critical situation though! So increase or make the permits more flexible so the economy is allowed to flourish as much as it can. Increase the overall knowledge of the guides and guest to better their safety and enjoyment of the park. Continue to demand better air quality and sound restrictions from the snow vehicle

manufacturers. Don't plow the park and ruin this great chance to experience Yellowstone in such a special way. Whatever is decided the public needs to be informed quickly so that reservations are not missed because of communications and the local economy can reach its full potential. If I can be of any other help please e-mail me at toddstalcup@gmail.com

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 354 **Comment Id:** 126615 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for considering this proposal and I urge you to implement this modification to the winter road management plan that could greatly increase winter access, as it says on the Roosevelt Arch, "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People", ALL people.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

AL5068 Alternatives: Support less access (general) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 352 **Comment Id:** 126609 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Those animals are one of the primary reasons for visitation and they should not have to tolerate unlimited visitation at all seasons. What is in place now is more that adequate and, I would encourage even stricter restrictions on motorized travel in the park during the winter seasons.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter R Hansen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 352 **Comment Id:** 126607 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: First, I believe the restrictions placed for Yellowstone in the winter months are necessary and should be increased if possible. The animals in the park should not be additionally stressed during the worst weather in the park of the year. There is such a thing as loving our parks to death

Organization:

Commenter: Peter R Hansen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 211 **Comment Id:** 126916 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I strongly support minimizing the use of motor vehicles in the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 128378 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I am glad to see you are limiting the use of motorized vehicles in the winter in Yellowstone. The park staff at the gates are thrilled I am sure, as are the non-motorized users.

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1327 **Comment Id:** 128847 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is to everybody's advantage to minimize the number of motorized vehicles inside Yellowstone Park, and snowcoaches accomplish just that goal, while allowing ample opportunities for interpretation of the scenery.

Organization: snowlands

Commenter: giovanni de amici **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 129391 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I think limiting the number of both snowmobiles and snowcoaches is a reasonable approach, when done at limits that can sustain the park, and maybe help sustain the economy of small communities that fringe the park boundaries in the 'off-season' of Yellowstone tourism.

Organization:

Commenter: Sara Adlington **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 218 **Comment Id:** 127279 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In my opinion the Yellowstone Winter Plan should minimize the use of motorized vehicles in the park and the use of the Snowcoaches do this.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 719 **Comment Id:** 126993 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Although I was disappointed that we couldn't see a natural occurrence, far greater was my concern for the coyote. Snowmobiles were allowing people to interfere with a natural process that had the potential to cause the death of a wild animal. During winter, many animals live on the brink of survival. How thoughtless to have human curiosity trump an animal's need for food. We can't change human nature, but we can minimize people's ability to access places where they should not go or should look on from a distance.

Organization: GYC; NPCA; NRDC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1578 **Comment Id:** 129874 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Douglas Edgerton P.O. Box 29 West Yellowstone, MT 59758 406-646-7603
Comment on Winter Use What is special to you about winter use in Yellowstone? What would you add, delete, or otherwise change in the draft purpose, need, and objective statements provided on the previous page? Yellowstone is a special place regardless of the season. I disagree with the bullet point in Park Management/Operations that states "Promote advances of Oversnow vehicle technology that will reduce impacts and facilitate continuous improvement of technology over time." This statement predisposes an outcome in favor of OSV travel within the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Douglas Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 967 **Comment Id:** 128012 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: So, I am asking that you limit vehicular traffic of all kinds and that you do NOT choose plowing of the road between West Yellowstone and Old Faithful as an alternative for winter travel in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Catherine R Weeden **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 201 **Comment Id:** 126519 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please keep vehicular traffic at the lowest possible level.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 774 **Comment Id:** 127115 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Volume is the problem. I live next to an area where the winter silence is broken by the occasional snow mobiler- no problem. But in California, where I lived for years adjacent to a state forest, it was the roaring numbers that pounded the place that became an intolerable nuisance for neighbors and the health of the park itself. I have family members in the recreational outing business and I think nothing short of licensing A FEW touring companies with some quota in terms of numbers, (which is hard to enforce and subject to eternal expansion creep), you might as well let our fragile, wild places become highways. Your stated job is to not let this happen; Yellowstone's protection is on your watch.

Organization: Friends of the Quinnipiac

Commenter: Margaret M Sawyer **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 397 **Comment Id:** 126732 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I don't suggest a complete ban of snowmobiles, but a recognition of their destructiveness and propensity to pollute, makes restrictions prudent. As a hiker, I am very well versed in the motto "leave no trace." I believe this motto should apply for all National Park users. Nature is simply too precious and rare for our attitudes towards preservation to remain so cavalier. Please consider all of the public as well as the health and welfare of Yellowstone's most precious residents, the wildlife. Snowmobilers need to realize that their mode of transportation does not enhance preservation of natural resources. And, if you impose on the rights of others, you need to accept restrictions. Please continue with the existing restrictions or develop even stricter restriction for motorized over the snow vehicles. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold J Arns **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 207 **Comment Id:** 126707 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I hope the new management plan will minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 206 **Comment Id:** 126710 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: However we hope to see a more positive plan to minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park

Organization: n/a

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 926 **Comment Id:** 127405 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am in favor of "winter quiet," and therefore urge the park planners to put develop viable options that limit the number of snowmobiles entering the park in the winter.

Organization: ANPR

Commenter: Tom Banks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 205 **Comment Id:** 126471 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The new management plan should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park.

Organization: Snowlands Network

Commenter: Chas Ferris **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1577 **Comment Id:** 129821 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Clearly, cleaner, quieter machines in fewer numbers is an essential requirement.

Organization:

Commenter: Charles Raymond **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 265 **Comment Id:** 127505 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please move to exclude motorized vehicles from Yellowstone to the greatest extent possible.

Organization:

Commenter: David Chenault **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 901 **Comment Id:** 127261 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In addition to possible permit requirements for summer use, winter use should also limit daily visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holtz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127212 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In closing, (Yes I am about done) the idea of a National Park is to provide the citizens of the USA the ability to observe nature without drastically affecting it. This is what Teddy R. had in mind. I am simply asking you to center the swinging environmental pendulum in a reasonable state and allow my family and others to enjoy the wonders of a winter in Yellowstone aboard our EPA approved personal snowmobiles atop hard surface highways the same as you allow summer visitors to use their EPA approved motorcycles, cars, and RVs.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1245 **Comment Id:** 126506 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: We are writing to encourage the FS to continue to reduce the amount of motorized traffic in Yellowstone Park during the winter months. As cross country skiers we appreciate the noise abatement and fumes abatement that fewer vehicles maintain. Particularly in the winter fuel fumes tend to stay down lower with the cold air and make cold weather breathing difficult for humans and animals alike not. Also the noise from these vehicles forces animals to flee and burn up food stores or incur

injuries from moving too fast in deep snows.

Organization: Winter Wild Lands

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 172 **Comment Id:** 128810 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Please limit motorized winter travel to a minimum.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1664 **Comment Id:** 130120 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would severely limit the noise machines that are currently permitted.

Organization:

Commenter: sally montgomery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129272 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A focus of past winter use planning processes is what type of oversnow motorized recreational use should be permitted in YNP. Over time, as the NPS has reduced the daily number of snowmobiles and snowcoaches allowed to enter YNP through daily cap limits, the impacts of these machines on air quality, wildlife, and the soundscape have declined as compared to the impacts that were present when oversnow motorized vehicles were unregulated. This is both a product of reduced numbers, the requirement for cleaner/quieter machines, and the imposition of a guiding requirement. These changes have all represented steps in the right direction but since oversnow motorized recreational use is still permitted impacts continue; impacts that would not exist if such use were to be further cut back or confined or eliminated altogether.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1413 **Comment Id:** 128392 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Yellowstone National Park has been around a lot longer than snowmobiles, and it

would be utterly inconsistent with the National Park Services primary mission of stewardship to sacrifice this national treasure on the alter of speed and motor sports. Like Yellowstone, I am persistent. I have written a letter much like this one four or five times over the past 15 years as yet another winter plan gets trotted out for public comment. The restrictions on snowmobile use in the Park in recent years are a sign that policy is moving in the right direction.

Organization:

Commenter: Gus Yates **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 126927 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: We urge you in the specific case of snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles to realize that this is not the place to allow large numbers of such to be operating.

Organization: Defenders of Wildlife

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 108 **Comment Id:** 126928 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: CONTROL THESE VEHICLES AND THEIR OPERATORS WHO ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE NATIVE WILDLIFE OR MOST HUMAN VISITORS. BETTER YET, EITHER REFUSE THEM ENTRY, HAVE THEM GO ON FOOT OR IN SNOWBUGGIES LIKE THE REST OF US, OR GO ELSEWHERE, IF, WITHOUT CONCERN, THEY MUST POLLUTE WITH FUMES AND NOISE AND DESTROY THE TERRAIN & DISTRESS THE WILDLIFE THERE.

Organization: Defenders of Wildlife

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 687 **Comment Id:** 126860 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My husband and I visit the Yellowstone area at least once a year. It takes us a day to drive there in the summer. We have been there to ski once in the past decade, and hope to go again to enjoy the unique ecosystem and beautiful setting. I may reveal a personal bias when I say that snowmobiles destroy that ethereal experience. I am convinced that the reduction (or elimination!) of numerous motorized vehicles, and the requirements for engine improvements, will provide a far healthier atmosphere for human visitors as well as for the fauna that have no choice in the matter.

Organization: Boulder County Nature Association

Commenter: Linda Andes-Georges **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 175 **Comment Id:** 129304 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I agree with the many, well-rehearsed arguments that support minimizing/eliminating motorized vehicle use in Yellowstone, our last and greatest piece of primitive land in the lower 48

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 209 **Comment Id:** 126560 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The new management plan should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven R Thaw **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 215 **Comment Id:** 126922 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am writing to urge you to adopt a use policy for Yellowstone National Park that reduces the impact of vehicles on the environment and wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1156 **Comment Id:** 128064 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - Oversight: If snowmobile does continue, I hope that it is limited to guided services only. The temptation for users to ride off trail, high-wall, and otherwise cause both damage to resources and dangerous situations is too intense. Guides can be licensed and responsible for the activities of their clients.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1590 **Comment Id:** 129849 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Noise levels appear to still be a concern, though, and OSV numbers may need to be limited to protect the Yellowstone soundscape resource. The individual vehicle sound measurements, as regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, need to be better correlated with the NPS ambient soundscape measuring methods to achieve appropriate results. For example, limited an individual snowmobile sound to 73 dBA with appropriate BAT measurements will not equal and will possibly always exceed the ambient level noise measurements if the snow machines are required to be in a guided group of 6 to 100 snowmobiles. There may be a better way to correlate the two for the desired resource preservation, as accomplished with emissions (Society of Automotive Engineers' Clean Snowmobile Challenge (SAE CSC) 2001, 2002 summary, and work by NPS with Southwest Research Institute (2001-2203) and Dr. Gray Bishop, 1998-2007).

Organization: Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Commenter: Richard H Opper **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 995 **Comment Id:** 128159 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowmobile use in the Park during the winter strongly detracts from that experience, causes air pollution, and negatively affects the wildlife population. I urge you to limit motorized vehicles to snow coaches.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 400 **Comment Id:** 126737 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I originally from Wyoming and have spent many hours enjoying the beauties of Yellowstone Natl. Park, in all seasons. Much of the appeal is the quiet of the back country and proximity gained to abundant wildlife. It is my belief that motorized vehicles significantly impact the health of this natural resource and respectfully request limited use of such vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 23 **Comment Id:** 128180 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Over snow vehicle use should be limited.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 219 **Comment Id:** 127292 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The new management plan should minimize the number of motorized vehicles in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 688 **Comment Id:** 126863 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please help return Yellowstone Park to the quiet place of solitude that it once was and let's try to keep it that way forever.

Organization:

Commenter: Lennie Lichter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL5069 Alternatives: Support no access (general) (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 268 **Comment Id:** 127495 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I support providing for a non-motorized environment as much as possible, for both the benefit of the environment and the human experience.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 103 **Comment Id:** 126530 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I believe that the time for oversnow visitation to Yellowstone National Park is past.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128148 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone winter use plans for the 2011-2012 season should no longer allow any motorized visitors to the park. Obviously, safety and administrative use will be necessary, but visitor motorized use should be prohibited.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 202 **Comment Id:** 126716 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The time has come to scrap the entire snowmobile/snowcoach idea; plow the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and open the road up to private vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: John Criger **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 948 **Comment Id:** 127516 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Visitors to Yellowstone can experience the park in the winter without the stated need for oversnow vehicles to reach areas experiencing harsh winter environments.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia M Welty **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 682 **Comment Id:** 126855 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Alternatively, I recommend that the Park be closed to all uses during the winter and the animals and natural features be given a rest. I would only accept this action if the closure included all concessionaires, Park personnel (except those on essential patrol and monitoring), and all others on snowcoach or snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1391 **Comment Id:** 128489 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The general public will respond favorably to an elimination of snowmobiling or even any form of winter transport to the geyser basins.

Organization: Yellowstone Safari Company

Commenter: Ken Sinay **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 932 **Comment Id:** 127420 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I support preservation of natural resources in the National Park System- and believe that the Park's management should uphold the original intent of those areas by protecting its water, land and biological resources from local economic interests.

Organization:

Commenter: Gwen M McLaughlin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1569 **Comment Id:** 129258 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: believe Yellowstone should be closed at the time that snow rules the roads thus giving the park facilities and all the wonderful inhabitants a breather. There will be plaintive cries about the beauty of Yellowstone in winter and the need to allow ready access to the throngs, but I believe quiet time for the park and preservation of a peaceful time for allits creatures is more important.

Organization:

Commenter: Frank Vayo **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 397 **Comment Id:** 126730 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I sincerely believe the existing restrictions are probably insufficient.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold J Arns **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 420 **Comment Id:** 128589 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: It seems to me that the park should be sacrosanct, as much as possible beyond the Lamar Valley area, for animals in the winter. There are more than enough places around Bozeman and in Gallatin County for cross-country skiers to ski.

Organization:

Commenter: Jack Kligerman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 499 **Comment Id:** 128777 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: As a 3-time visitor to Yellowstone I wish to voice my strong preference for maintaining the park in as natural a condition as possible. The deep quiet (broken by the awe-inspiring "whoosh" of geysers) and the fresh air have been a significant part of my experience there.

Organization: Sierra Club, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Environmental Defense, NRDC, UCS

Commenter: William E Fraser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 571 **Comment Id:** 126845 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The last thing we need in the Yellowstone are steel, smoke belching machines that plow through the snow leaving a pall of dirty smoke in the valleys. There are plenty of miles where people can play with their toys elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerry Lansdowne **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 927 **Comment Id:** 127406 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I support preservation of natural resources in the National Park System. I believe that the Park's management should uphold the original intent of those areas by protecting its water, land, and biological resources from local economic interests.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 770 **Comment Id:** 127110 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A permanent winter use plan for beauty, quiet, and appreciation of the Park's real wonders would provide an escape from the human-induced hazards of speed and noise whose negative effects we often don't even notice. We humans have plenty of places to run our motors and play with our technology, including surrounding Forest Service lands. Let's at least protect national treasures like Yellowstone from our pollution, for all living creatures including humans.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1331 **Comment Id:** 128766 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: My reason for mentioning this information is that my training and experience leads me to totally oppose the continuation of the current system of snowmobiles and snowcoaches in Yellowstone National Park. I cannot come up with any good reason to continue the use of snowmobiles and snowcoaches in the park except for emergency use in the backcountry.

Organization:

Commenter: BRIAN M ATHEARN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 416 **Comment Id:** 128574 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone's unique winter resources should not be spoiled by snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles. The noise and pollution created by these vehicles should not be tolerated in a National Park. Many visitors to Yellowstone in winter find their experience ruined by these machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1430 **Comment Id:** 129001 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: So, in conclusion, all over-the-snow motor vehicles in Yellowstone NP should be eliminated just as soon as possible. This will be a giant step to get the Park closer to the vision of John Muir and every living retired NPS former Director.

Organization:

Commenter: Jurgen A Hess **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 113 **Comment Id:** 126952 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see YNP consider some sort of winter access that does not require snowcoach or snowmobile travel from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 436 **Comment Id:** 129208 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: And, here's a suggestion you'll no doubt regard as crazy, but which I must propose: be more as is Denali NP and totally prohibit motorized transport, instead, restricting such to skiers/snowshoers and better yet, encourage dog sledding, including as Denali has done, operating your own breeding and dog sledding operation which, in turn, encourages both private and commercial operations, to form and take visitors into the Park, via this fascinating natural means; yes, I can hear you making snide remarks about what a silly throwback I am but, I know from experience of what I speak.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A Whitaker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1506 **Comment Id:** 128443 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would urge the Park Service to stop promoting winter access to Yellowstone by means of snowmobiles or other motorized means, except on existing paved roads. As a taxpayer, I feel best served when Yellowstone is protected rather than subjected to additional pollution. I visited Yellowstone as a child and would like to see its environment preserved rather than unnecessarily invaded - not everything has to be open to all people at all times! Give Yellowstone a rest during the winter!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1501 **Comment Id:** 128493 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Do NOT allow snowmobiles, snow coaches, plowing or any other form of transportation that will disturb the animals of Yellowstone. Keep the snow machines out completely.

Organization:

Commenter: Virginia Mees **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 77 **Comment Id:** 129466 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It's not necessary to enjoy the park with motorized vehicles. People can enjoy every part of nature by blending in easily with it, such as on horseback, by horse and sleigh, by cross country ski's, any way other than terrorizing animals and others within the park with loud machinery.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1243 **Comment Id:** 126498 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is critical to keep motorized vehicles out of Yellowstone. There is a wealth of open land for people to use snow machines/motorcycles/all terrain vehicles on to pursue recreational interests. There are few places where one can go to be totally immersed in the sounds of nature for hundreds of square miles. The Park backcountry should only be accessible to nonmotorized travel.

Organization:

Commenter: Jay T Brahe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 796 **Comment Id:** 127171 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Land of no uses. Lets just shut it all down we have to walk everywhere.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 576 **Comment Id:** 127217 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I understand from the National Park Service web site that all motorized snow-vehicle access into Yellowstone is scheduled to end at the end of Winter 2010-2011, unless a new plan to manage such use is in place. If it were up to me alone, I'd favor letting such access lapse and prohibiting it forever into the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Andrew G Webb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 575 **Comment Id:** 126851 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Let only humans in where they can provide income for the Park. I am against snow mobiling, hiking in the hinter-lands, etc.

Organization: individual

Commenter: Sherry Marsh **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 427 **Comment Id:** 128608 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Opening the park in this fashion is a terrible idea. The winter season is the most stressful time of year for the animals and this would burden them further. Ban all travel inside the park and give the place a rest. A time to renew.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 173 **Comment Id:** 129245 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The noise and presence of mechanized snow travel must not be allowed to negatively effect the animals. We need to know the importance of silence to animals dealing with the stress of winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Art Unger **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128144 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: However, I propose no non-administrative motorized vehicles should be allowed in Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129273 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A contingent of interest groups have consistently promoted a snowcoach only alternative. This is the alternative that the NPS initially selected at the conclusion of its very first winter use EIS planning process. AWI also supports this option over any alternative that permits snowmobile access through all YNP entrances. However, to minimize the environmental impacts of oversnow motorized recreation in YNP, the alternatives that should be seriously evaluated in the EIS are: A) limiting oversnow motorized recreation (including road packing/grooming) only from the South Entrance to Old Faithful; or B) terminate all oversnow motorized recreational use (including road packing/grooming) throughout the park. Snowcoach operations, while preferable over continued access by groups of snowmobiles, still requires the grooming/packing of snow roads which brings with it all of the associated environmental impacts to ungulates, predator prey dynamics, and general park ecology. Furthermore, road packing/grooming alters the physical winter landscape of YNP introducing a source of artificiality into a system that, by law, is intended to be subject to natural factors through natural regulation.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 690 **Comment Id:** 126865 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In fact, I think the best alternative for the Park would be a motor free season of 4 to 6 months in the winter, depending upon snow conditions; no snowmobiles nor snow coaches, except for essential administration and rescue.

Organization:

Commenter: Jerry Jayne **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 175 **Comment Id:** 129304 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I agree with the many, well-rehearsed arguments that support minimizing/eliminating motorized vehicle use in Yellowstone, our last and greatest piece of primitive land in the lower 48

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 127002 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: If people want to enjoy winter sports, let them do it on private property or at resorts.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 217 **Comment Id:** 127294 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Please don't spoil Yellowstone by introducing noisy, polluting vehicles that scare and endanger wildlife and destroy what is so special about that great vast expanse of wilderness. Please let other generations enjoy what we've been privileged to enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126951 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I believe these machines should be banned because they interfere with the purpose for which our national parks were created.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1666 **Comment Id:** 130122 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I want Yellowstone Park preserved as the fantastic natural resource that it has always been, not a major highway for motorized vehicles that spew nasty emissions. Bring back the sounds of nature, not machines.

Organization:

Commenter: SeEtta Moss **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 622 **Comment Id:** 126753 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If adequate protections can't be put in lace then simply close the Park to only the most hardy ? the hiker or the skier and the camper. It may not seem fair ?but it really is.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 810 **Comment Id:** 127193 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We go to these places for peace, solitude, quiet, clean/sweet air, and the chance to reflect and connect with ourselves and our world. Please leave the machines at home or go somewhere else to "raise a raucous". Stop bothering the rest of us with your noise and air pollution in OUR NATIONAL?PARKS!

Organization: The Sierra Club; Friends of The Trinity River; Steamboaters (North Umpqua River, OR); Mendocino Land

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 703 **Comment Id:** 126879 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Motorized vehicles for pure recreation use have little value in a national park. Alternatives such as walking, snowshoeing, skiing, skating are available. Older or disabled citizens can enjoy the scenery of this magnificent park from the safety and warmth of a snowcoach. There are millions of acres of land for snowmobilers to ride in the intermountain west, they do not belong in a national park, as motorized individual watercraft don't belong on the lakes in national parks. Please help maintain intact national parks with all their native flora and fauna for future generations.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1554 **Comment Id:** 129081 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My heart of heart answer would be to stop all winter activities. The environment needs down time and the Yellowstone area is beautiful enough to participate in activities outside the park.

Organization:

Commenter: David Whitacre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1554 **Comment Id:** 129082 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Those who have the privilege to live in the area should know by now that the park was created for all generations and all people. We need to keep the Yellowstone as basic as possible. There are enough people in the park year round as it is now. If it wasn't in Yellowstone in 1872 then it shouldn't be there now. As this is probably not possible, then we should make winter entrance into the park the privilege that it is even if most of us never have the opportunity. I am satisfied it is there, not that special interests want to exploit it. Also, the best available technology for machines is not enough. We need standards that call for the best technology, improving and working for the Park's environment.

Organization:

Commenter: David Whitacre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 542 **Comment Id:** 126802 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snow mobiles and related gas powered recreational vehicles do nothing but damage and destroy what should be protected as a pristine environment forever.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 276 **Comment Id:** 127427 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am totally opposed to motorized vehicle recreation in all National Parks, Recreation Areas, and Wilderness Areas. I consider it a travesty that it is allowed on any public lands.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 267 **Comment Id:** 127518 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: i do not think snow machine use is compatible with the mission of Yellowstone national park. Winter is a special time in Yellowstone country and the parks operation should be focused on whats best for the park and its occupants and not the those whose sole reason for being is to make a living off of the park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 128379 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: There are plenty of national forests snow machines can visit. Leave the parks to non-motorized users.

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 203 **Comment Id:** 126513 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: You will likely consider an alternative that only allows snowcoaches but I would really appreciate an alternative that does not allow any motorized use - no over snow vehicles of any type.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 157 **Comment Id:** 128381 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Leave the vehicles at the door and see it on foot or bike!

Organization: IMBA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 214 **Comment Id:** 126921 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: It is not a place for noisy and noxious machines. They have no place in Yellowstone and should be banned

Organization:

Commenter: Larry Hyde **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

AL6070 Alternatives: Summer use (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 1448 **Comment Id:** 128971 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Really...if you limit the number of snowmobiles in the Park, you should also be looking at how many motor vehicles go through the rest of year. As for wildlife, I have been to the Park in the Summer...people get disturbingly close to animals in Summertime. Winter visitors are minimal compared to Summer visitors. Studies have shown that Wildlife is more disturbed by humans on foot than on a snowmobile.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129434 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: While snowmobile air pollution is emphasized, we are not told that even newer snowcoaches emit substantially higher emissions than snowmobiles. No one mentions summer Recreational Vehicles (RVs) produce eight times more Nitrous Oxides than all the allowed snowmobiles and snowcoaches combined. Nor do they disclose that snowcoaches and snowmobiles emit less than 6 percent of the total particles discharged annually in the Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1546 **Comment Id:** 129440 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is also prudent to compare this winter sound limit to summer noise pollution. A passenger sitting in the back of a Greyhound bus is subjected to sound pollution which exceeds eighty decibels. How can these claims be justified? Where is the proof of 'significant injury'? Why the focus on winter? Why not limit summer access? Maybe we ought to be wondering about the big picture??

Organization:

Commenter: Carole Linn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1408 **Comment Id:** 127229 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Nobody has said anything about all the tour busses in the summer months that all fire up at one time in Old Faithful....and all the autos that fire up at the same time in that parking lot. I brought my gas masks the last time in the summer months as that smell of diesel and gas emission vapors are disgusting.

Organization: Fugowee snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 18 **Comment Id:** 129489 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: This isn't about whether or not snowmobiles and snowcoaches are harmful. Both are way less harmful than vehicular traffic during the warm season.

Organization: Big Sky Town Center

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1436 **Comment Id:** 128961 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern... I was born in Whitefish Mt. 36 and a half years ago. In that time I have seen lots of land closed to snowmobilers and have fought for the right to keep access open for the past 6 years. I feel that the snowmobiles and riders do NOT hurt the Yellowstone eco system nor it's inhabitants. I feel that if you were to study the amount of damage that vehicles and tourists in the summer do to the eco system that you would find that is way more harmful do to pollution both vehicle and human. How many animals are hurt, mamed and killed in the summer by vehicles?

Organization: SAWS

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1442 **Comment Id:** 129052 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone park has been a winter vacation for me and my family for more then 25 years. I feel that the winter impact is a lot less than the traffic, summer traffic leaks more fumes, antifreeze and oil on the roadways then a snowmobile will leave. There are several thousand cars traveling thru Yellowstone park the immersions from cars have a far lasting effect on the environment in the long run. We have many photos of wildlife they did not seem concerned about us or other snowmobile, it is not as busy in the winter it is beautiful being out hear in the peaceful country, unlike the summer with cars, motor homes, motorcycles bumper to bumper.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter D Bober **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1442 **Comment Id:** 129054 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a very beautiful place to be enjoyed by everyone in every season, why punish the people who visit in the winter? What about the impact of those thousands of vehicles? We would love to see the park stay open for the next generation to enjoy. We feel that in they close the parks in Montana and Wyoming states that we would have no reason to visit these states.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter D Bober **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1525 **Comment Id:** 128259 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Considering the 1000's of vehicles that enter the park in the summer per day, the park roadway system should be capable of safely handling at least 700-1000 snowmobiles per day. This would ensure pollution levels are kept low, most likely less than what is permitted in the summer. Some of the older motorhomes that I have followed in the park in the summer are emitting very high levels of pollutants as they are in poor repair and operating at higher elevations. How is this addressed in the study?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1524 **Comment Id:** 128263 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I find it odd that so much attention and regulation is focused on about 3% of the users who visit in winter. What about the 97% who over-run the park in the summer? They approach bison with calves, ride loud motorcycles, come in large buses emitting noxious fumes and loud noises. Cars and people jam roads watching wildlife and all of this goes without apparent comment or concern. Why are you focusing so stringently on winter use when it is so slight compared to the rest of the year? In winter it is impossible for vehicles to leave the groomed roads without getting hopelessly bogged down in the snow berms. Most of the park is not even accessible in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 822 **Comment Id:** 127254 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I really don't think that snowmobiles are detrimental to the park, its ecosystems or its visitors. There is by far more pollution and impact on the park with all the cars and RV's and people in the warmer months, than what snowmobiling could ever bring to Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 177 **Comment Id:** 129240 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As for summer use, we do not support putting in any more roads. Most of our western parks were wild, wilderness areas. We have systematically developed them to accommodate the public which in turn has diminished their natural or wilderness character. The Park Service officials must work hard to keep what is there in its most natural state.

Organization:

Commenter: Darlene L. L Grove **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128705 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Comment on the Yellowstone national park winter use scoping 1 If you close snowmobiles out of the park how are you going to handle more people in the summer time?

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128707 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 2 For environment impact to the park what would happen if more people came in the winter and less in the summer! I believe we need to spread the visitor out more and get more to come in the winter and less in the summer time! Since the same number of employees for summer and winter Season!

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1443 **Comment Id:** 128711 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 5 How is the impact difference on the animals in the summer time compared to winter time with the number of people in the park? 6 How many animals are kill by motor power vehicles in the summer than in the winter time by snowmobiles? 7 How much carbon fuel or gallons of

fuel is burned in the park by spring summer and fall travel compared to snowmobiles burn in the winter! One sled on avg would burn 6 gallons and there are 750 per day max that would only be 4500 a day! I would also add during the summer the boats on Yellowstone lake burn as much fuel as the sled does all winter! What is the difference between a boat and a sled as far as impact?

Organization: Families for Outdoor Recreation

Commenter: Ed Melcher **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1298 **Comment Id:** 128236 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To whom it may concern, Yellowstone National Park is a very beautiful place to visit both in the summer and winter seasons. I agree that we must try to protect it as much as possible. There have to be better ways of protecting it then just shutting out tourist (snowmobilers) in the winter time. Snowmobiles today are not the snowmobiles they once were. They have come a long ways since the first day they were traveling through to the park. Todays snowmobiles are not any different then your typical car that travels through in the summer time. Actually i'm sure they are cleaner and quieter than some of the diesel trucks and buses that smoke their way through the park in the summer. I don't see how a few hundred of snowmobiles a day can be that harmful in the winter time versus THOUSANDS of cars, trucks, and buses that rumble through there in the summer time is any better.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian Kassner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1298 **Comment Id:** 128237 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Like i've said i've been through in the summer and winter both. The winter time in Yellowstone is so much more relaxing and enjoyable! For one in the winter you don't have tourist chasing down black bears that are spotted along the road. That is no joke last time i was there a bear cub was spotted and there were many of tourist right on its tail chasing after it trying to get that picture they wanted. How safe is that for the wildlife and for the tourist? Same goes for the elk and bison in the park. Everyone in the summertime walks up to the wildlife trying to get just a little closer. I realize the winter time stresses the wildlife out a lot more then the summer. But i've never seen the tourist chasing down a elk or bison in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Brian Kassner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1529 **Comment Id:** 129404 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I am still perplexed that the courts say little about the summer use when buses, cars,

trucks, motorcycles, etc. drive through the Park. These vehicles in the summer are nosey, dirty, and polluters.

Organization: Wyoming State Representative

Commenter: Peter S Illoway **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 820 **Comment Id:** 127242 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I spent many Winters in West Yellowstone since 92 and believe plowing the park is stupid. There is no regulation on the noise or pollution of cars, trucks or motorcycles in the park and with the new clean and quiet four stroke snowmobiles the air is cleaner in the Winter now than in the summer. Also the noise pollution is only controlled in the winter and not at all in the summer. Why?

Organization:

Commenter: Gary R Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 964 **Comment Id:** 128008 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Millions of people drive cars through YNP in the summer months. Does this harm the wildlife of YNP?

Organization: Park County Farm Bureau Federation

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1580 **Comment Id:** 129858 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A key consideration in any NEPA analysis is "context" and "intensity." In past analysis, the agency has focused on potential impacts of snowmobiling without the proper context. The key flaw in previous analysis is that it failed to consider impacts of wintertime activities in the context of year round use. I formally request that the agency consider impacts of snowmobiling in contrast to summer use.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Jack Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1221 **Comment Id:** 126364 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like mostly to ask that any noise and pollution rules (which are a poor excuse for all this) be followed YEAR AROUND. that applies to noisy bikes and large buses etc. don't just apply rules to winter when few visitors are here that is discriminating one type of recreation the rules must apply summer also that means best available technologies to ALL visitors. No more old cars etc. Only new cars. that would be fair.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 958 **Comment Id:** 127862 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe that the current snowmobiles are no more a threat to the environment than the thousands of cars that are present in the park during the summer. The animals did not seem any more disturbed by our presence than they were by the snow coaches. In fact, it seemed to me that the people on snowmobiles were the most well-informed and respectful of all the visitors I encountered in the park

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 952 **Comment Id:** 127561 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Why is noise and air quality not an issue in summer?

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128783 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A key consideration in any NEPA analysis is "context" and "intensity." In past analysis, the agency has focused on potential impacts of snowmobiling without the proper context. The key flaw in previous analysis is that it failed to consider impacts of wintertime activities in the context of year round use. I formally request that the agency consider impacts of snowmobiling in contrast to summer use.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127869 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Second, I do not understand why the Park Service should set stricter standards for the winter experience from the summer. I also go to Yellowstone in the summer. There are many loud vehicles in the summer including loud pickup trucks, diesel trucks, RV's, and motorcycles with loud pipes.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 949 **Comment Id:** 127880 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: There was an instance a few years ago where a pickup truck did a donut by Lone Star Geyser in the summer. I thought the punishment was way too light, but there was no discussion of banning pickups nor a move to have them guided. I do not understand the difference in regulations between summer and winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 945 **Comment Id:** 127480 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: We were there in July 2009 and there was much more traffic at that time than there is in the winter. All the cars and tour buses in the summertime emit as much pollution as the snowmobiles in the winter time.

Organization:

Commenter: Helen M Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1186 **Comment Id:** 128133 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: All snowmobiles within the park are 4 stroke which is really no different than the thousands of cars that pass through on any given summer day. Snowmobiles within the park do not stray off of main roads and therefore have less impact on wildlife and the biota of yellowstone than summer traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Wade N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1372 **Comment Id:** 127248 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I Think for what ever the reason is that snowmobiles in the park is a problem, you can't single us out to be the bad guys. There is more pollution, noise, and other problems in the summer than there ever was in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Darwin Mortensen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1135 **Comment Id:** 127965 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no possible way, when looking at the total number of visitors in summer -vs - winter, that current 4 stroke snowmobile emissions/noise even approach that of summer traffic/noise - loud motorcycles, loud/smoking diesel trucks, and just the sheer number of vehicles (not to mention campfire and forest fire emissions) We have written off the Park in the winter and have zero confidence in YNP management policy.

Organization:

Commenter: David Christianson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1119 **Comment Id:** 127913 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As a frequent visitor to the town of West Yellowstone, MT., I am appalled at the thought of closing the park in the winter. For the NPS or any other special interest group to suggest that a couple of hundred EPA approved snowmobiles could have a negative impact on the park is absurd. I believe it was the NPS that was celebrating a record of 900,000+ visitors in July of 2009. I am sure that a considerable number of those summer visitors were traveling non EPA compliant diesel trucks with huge 5th wheelers in tow and huge diesel and gas (guzzling) motorhomes. I have not read of any noise or health complaints related to those statistics. In summary, the NPS should be ashamed of itself for allowing the manipulation by special interest groups that are trying to keep the park all to themselves in the winter season.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Dean A Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1118 **Comment Id:** 127910 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: So why is it we can allow an unlimited number of cars, buses and motorhomes, and any other emission compliant or non emission compliant vehicles during the tourist season. While we kill jobs in the winter time and make it prohibitively expensive to visit in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 146 **Comment Id:** 128328 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Many people that live in the area and travel into the park all summer are excluded from seeing the same area in winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Pat Knutson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1116 **Comment Id:** 127906 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There are and have been rules put in place to limit both the number and type of snowmobiles allowed in the parks and now certain interest groups seek to further limit or eliminate use entirely. Contrast this with the lack of limitations placed on visitors who choose to access via other motorized means during other seasons. There are no guides required for summer motorized users, nor are there "Best Available Technology" requirements for vehicles allowed into the park by road. If I was to drive to the gate in a motorhome built in 1962, trailed by a blue cloud of oil smoke, I wouldn't be denied entry. I could ride to the gate on a 2-stroke motorcycle from the 1970's and not be denied entry. Vehicles by the thousands pass through the park daily from early spring through late fall. Why is this permitted if there is such great concern over impact of vehicles in the park? If further limitations on motorized vehicles are necessary, they should be universal to ALL motorized vehicles, winter and summer, regardless of size or type. If such restrictions aren't necessary for those vehicles, then they aren't necessary for snowmobiles either.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1357 **Comment Id:** 127285 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I cannot see how the small amount of winter visitors even comes close to what happens in summer when the park is jammed with over 2 million visitors. Are restrictions for summer next?

Organization:

Commenter: Michael J Zachary **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1107 **Comment Id:** 127879 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to express my concern for this latest attempt to exclude snowmobiles as a form of recreation/transportation at Yellowstone National Park. The arguments made that snowmobiles emit excessive noise and pollution levels when operated simply do not compare to the levels emitted by any other form of transportation in the summer months. If there is to be a restriction on recreation within Yellowstone, it can only be fair that every single impact made by man to be considered.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129147 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: 6. Concerns regarding the historical disregard and abuse of winter wildlife have been admirably addressed by the dedicated guide system during the last 7 years of Winter Use policy. In fact, it can be argued that the guides have become a functional arm of the Park's Division of Interpretation. This can be confirmed with hard data from your own research. Finally, it's not unreasonable to say that summer should be as well behaved and as respectful as winter visitation is under the current guide system.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1102 **Comment Id:** 127871 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I can't believe this comes up time and time again about whether or not to allow snowmobiles into the park, considering the MILLIONS of cars/trucks/motorhome/motorcycles that enter the park every other season except winter. Do people really think that the limited amount of sleds that are allowed into the park, pollute more than the millions of other vehicles in the summer?

Organization:

Commenter: Skylar M Baxter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1101 **Comment Id:** 127865 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have been through the park several times during the winter and summer. The traffic and congestion is much worse during the summer than during the winter. For the number of vehicles entering the park during the summer being hundreds if not thousands of times more than in winter, I can't see that there is any reason to close the park off to people who would like to enjoy it during the winter, unless we close it off completely and let nature have it back.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 826 **Comment Id:** 127305 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In reality, do 318 snowmobiles per day have even a fraction of the impact that summertime visitors in their diesel coaches have. A key consideration in any NEPA analysis is "context" and "intensity." In past analysis, the agency has focused on potential impacts of snowmobiling without the proper context. The key flaw in previous analysis is that it failed to consider impacts of wintertime activities in the context of year round use. I formally request that the agency consider impacts of snowmobiling in contrast to summer use.

Organization: Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Laura Gigstead **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1509 **Comment Id:** 128437 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: It is my opinion that snowmobiles should have the same limits as summer motorized traffic. Allowing Snowmobiles with the best available technology that meet EPA standards is really no different than the thousands of cars, trucks, RV, and motorcycles in the summer that pass un restricted through the gates. As for noise if anything needs regulated it sht Summer Harly traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1092 **Comment Id:** 127835 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If winter use is abolished then I feel summer use should also be, abolished. The number of cars, diesel pickups, buses, diesel touring buses and all their noise and pollution puts the measly snowmobiles, snow coaches traffic etc to shame.(Not bashing diesels or summer users just merely comparing) Why are we not limiting summer use then? If one group of users can't enjoy the Park then maybe no one should. Since pollution and noise, seems to be the reasons for "NON-

WINTER USE".

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1515 **Comment Id:** 128393 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We can't believe there is larger impact from a few winter visitors than there is during the summer rush.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 861 **Comment Id:** 127504 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The big Diesel pickups, and Tour Buses do more damage in the summers then any snowmobiles will ever do.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129362 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The scoping document should study affects of proposed reduction in access in the Park fairly to all user groups and address not only winter use levels but also summer use levels as well. Air quality, water quality, danger to wildlife, affect on wildlife and also wildlife mortality levels for both summer and winter should be studied in the scoping document. Impacts to the Park from visitors can be both short term and long term. Impacts from around 3 million summer visitors should be compared with the winter use numbers and a comparative impact analysis should be part of the DEIS. In past winter use plans the Park Service has not done a comparative impact analysis of summer and winter use. I believe this information would be very informative to the public as to the relationship of summer verses winter use impacts.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129365 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Park received over 3 million summer visitors last year during the summer months and some percentage of that amount should be allowed in the winter. Summer users see no restriction of type of size of vehicle and there are no daily limitations through the gate. This seems reckless on the part of your agency not to reference this fact and I find it very telling as to the true agenda of groups like GYC by not mentioning this fact. Winter visitors are very restricted as to emissions, speed, user numbers, etc. Your agency has never used the summer use numbers to justify winter numbers and you should. I believe the opposing groups of winter motorized use would find much of their objections to winter use null and void when compared to summer use numbers and their affect of Park resources. Summer users travelling by cars, trucks, and motor homes have contributed to many wildlife fatalities through impact accidents. I have seen many dead animals along the roads in the Park during the summer that have been hit or run over. I believe that I have never heard of a single animal being killed in the Park due to being hit by either a snowmobile or snow coach. Why does your agency not bring this information forward to the public and show the difference between summer and winter animals fatality rates. CBU believes that most people in the United States would be quite interested to know about this fact. Groups like the GYC would never bring this fact to light as it does not support their agenda. The Park Service must bring facts like this to the public as the responsible agency to do so.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129373 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Winter use numbers should reflect some sort of relationship with summer use numbers that are unrestricted both in numbers and emission standards. Diesel trucks, cars and buses emit huge amounts of particles in the summer compared to winter motorized use and this relationship of numbers and emissions has never been brought forward by the Park Service in the augment for continued winter motorized use. This is an important fact and the Park Service should make the general public aware of this fact.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1159 **Comment Id:** 128078 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am going to refer to summer again because if anyone has actually ever been to Yellowstone (not the congressman that push laws on the people trying to enjoy the park within reason that have never even set foot in Wyoming, but the people that have actually been there winter and summer alike) in the summer it is so congested with the buses and random vehicles that I would say the exhaust from all those vehicles vastly exceeds that of when i was young and went through the park in the early 1990s. I am only 21 years old, and i tell you this because i have personally been to

Yellowstone Park over 20 times and got to enjoy it, but at the rate it is being closed off by these organizations and what they strive for; my kids wont be able to see that wonder of the world except from a far and those wilderness boundaries keep expanding also.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Chad T Siroky **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 144 **Comment Id:** 129491 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: You have done several EIS's in the last few years that all show snowmobiles are detrimental to the park environment as currently used. You need to just get serious and revise the management plan to eliminate the negative impacts. Do that by requiring all snowmobiles to be quieter and have no higher emissions than modern cars. In other words meet latest federal standards for automobiles. Require this for all speeds up to the park limit of 45 mph. Limit all oversnow vehicles including snow coaches to these same standards. In this manner oversnow vehicles should have no greater impact than cars in the summer, especially since the winter numbers are so much smaller.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 144 **Comment Id:** 129503 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The impact on wildlife should not be a factor any more than summer if reasonable rules are set and enforced for behavior on the roads and trails.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1148 **Comment Id:** 128031 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With the current restrictions, limited numbers of sleds and only sleds with best technology being allowed in the Park, winter emissions can only be miniscule when compared to the emissions released into the Park during the summer months of unlimited tour buses, campers, and personal vehicles that crowded the roads and visitor centers. While I know my personal experience will not be considered acceptable evidence, when I traveled by the center for Old Faithful in there was not a parking spot to be had!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1148 **Comment Id:** 128032 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A fair (unfortunately this is not about being fair to the public) and realistic method of controlling the amount of pollution being release into the Park's environment would involve performing an emission test on the vehicles entering the park during a summer weekend, then repeating the emission testing on the snowmobiles allowed into the Park on a winter weekend. This would provide a comparative yardstick to fairly adjust the motorized pollution during the Park on a year around basis. Of course we all know this will never happen because the uproar created by the summer motorized users would result in discrimination claims being brought against the NPS. It is unfortunate that the NPS chooses to restrict the enjoyment of the Park to some of the people when the Park is suppose to be "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People".

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1278 **Comment Id:** 128203 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Moreover, the unregulated vehicular use of automobiles (read: diesel engines and larger cylinder vehicles) in the summer is a greater environmental threat than winter vehicle use. Traffic is horribly slow in the park in the summer as cars stop and idle while watching wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 816 **Comment Id:** 127231 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The personal auto should become the next extinct creature in the national park system. Summer buses should be the only for of transportation

Organization:

Commenter: Michael D Walton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1276 **Comment Id:** 128197 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am very concerned that some day the public will not be able to enjoy the park in the winter and what will come next? No visiting the park in the summer time either? It seems that at every turn we are facing an endless battle for outdoor recreationists with government agencies trying to close

down public access to our parks and public lands.

Organization: Cody Country Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 164 **Comment Id:** 129490 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: For example, if the NPS asserts that it is necessary to protect the winter soundscape by limiting snowmobiles/snowcoaches, they must justify why they do not also propose limiting summer travel for the same purpose. Choosing to limit one visitor segment without applying similar standards and requirements to other visitor segments constitutes an arbitrary and capricious and fundamentally unfair decision.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Dan Thompson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 791 **Comment Id:** 127166 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have one simple request when it comes to snowmobinig in YNP: "Apply the same rules that you use to determine the number of cars/trucks/buses/motorcycles/bikes and hikers into the park in the summer, to the number of snowmobiles/snow coaches and skiers allowed to utilize the park in the winter" If its good enough process for the summer visitors, its a good enough process for the winter visitors. The park is for all of the public to enjoy, not just those that think their chosen winter transportation method should be the only method allowed. Thanks for your thoughtful consideration.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 375 **Comment Id:** 126671 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Is it time to regulate motorcycles? Noise from unmuffled motorcycles is out of control. Where is the regulation and enforcement? I camp in the back country on the south end of YS lake in the summer and can hear motorcycle traffic all night. It amazes me at the many restrictions placed on winter snowmobile use (primarily due to noise) but in the summer, noise is un-regulated and seems to be out of control. Please take a hard look at how noise pollution can be managed year round not just in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1379 **Comment Id:** 127196 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In all the articles I have seen or read, there is NO mention of the number of cars, trucks buses, that go through the park in the SUMMER time, WHY IS THAT? Seems to me somebody is just picking on the people that want to use the park in the WINTER. I would guess the number of people in summer time to be well over 2 million, while winter time might be 100 thousand, yet we don't hear anything about limiting the number in the SUMMER ??

Organization:

Commenter: Ray E Bergstresser **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1063 **Comment Id:** 127769 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Why is it ok to let hundreds of thousands of vehicles in during the summer when there is more wildlife around and not ok for a few thousand snowmobilers? Stop taking away public lands for public use.

Organization:

Commenter: David Maness **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 906 **Comment Id:** 127327 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Since we travel to the park often in the summer, one can't tell me the thousands of old and poor maintained cars, motorhomes and buses harm the environment any less. I would venture to guess their carbon footprint is much greater than new four-stroke snow machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Jason Sholley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 890 **Comment Id:** 127686 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I just don't see how anyone thinks a few hundred snowmobiles a day in the winter is more damaging than thousands of cars a day during the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 998 **Comment Id:** 128162 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think that the summer use should be also monitored. The winter use is a fraction of the summer use. How many million people go thru the park in the summer? What about the environmental impact from that? In fact, I think that the summer use should be lessened. That is where the real problem lies. IN fact, I made a vow to NEVER come back to Yellowstone in the summer just because of the bad experience (ex: traffic, rude people/ too many people).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 317 **Comment Id:** 126436 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I realize the Park Service has a tough decision to make, but that decision should work for both seasons in the park. Please don't make a decision that cuts back on the enjoyment of the park in the Winter while throwing the entrance gates wide open in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Bill Sampson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1222 **Comment Id:** 126362 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: I would like to see the park limit the number of vehicles in the summer, or maybe eliminate the RV's completely. Make the RV drivers leave their RV's out of the park. They can camp outside the park, take a bus tour, or bring a smaller vehicle for entry into the park. This would eliminate a lot of the pollution and traffic problems created by the RV's.

Organization:

Commenter: JD Stephenson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 235 **Comment Id:** 127350 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In addition, while this is a winter use plan, I wish that summer use could be considered as well. It seems to me that RV's the size of small houses would be more intrusive than a snowmobile, which is smaller than the average bison.

Organization:

Commenter: Meagan Newberry **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1193 **Comment Id:** 126332 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: With the current restrictions, limited numbers of sleds and only sleds with best technology being allowed in the Park, winter emissions can only be miniscule when compared to the emissions released into the Park during the summer months of unlimited tour buses, campers, and personal vehicles that crowded the roads and visitor centers.

Organization:

Commenter: Kevin Scoffield **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1193 **Comment Id:** 126333 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: A fair (unfortunately this is not about being fair to the public) and realistic method of controlling the amount of pollution being release into the Park's environment would involve performing an emission test on the vehicles entering the park during a summer weekend, then repeating the emission testing on the snowmobiles allowed into the Park on a winter weekend. This would provide a comparative yardstick to fairly adjust the motorized pollution during the Park on a year around basis.

Organization:

Commenter: Kevin Scoffield **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1320 **Comment Id:** 129015 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: A key consideration in any NEPA analysis is "context" and "intensity." In past analysis, the agency has focused on potential impacts of snowmobiling without the proper context. The key flaw in previous analysis is that it failed to consider impacts of wintertime activities in the context of year round use. I formally request that the agency consider impacts of snowmobiling in contrast to summer use.

Organization: AWSC

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1140 **Comment Id:** 127995 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It would appear to me that all motor vehicles would be banned if your intentions are sincere. What about the motor vehicles in the summertime?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1138 **Comment Id:** 127987 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Environmental impact studies will show that there is little if any impact upon animals and overall ecosystem in the park due to snowmobiles. Do not allow radical activists to spin and persuade you that snowmobiling is a reckless and harmful sport. The thousands of RV's that travel the park have greater of an effect on the environment but that does not mean that they should be outlawed from the park either.

Organization: Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1130 **Comment Id:** 127951 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Having visited Yellowstone NP during the summer of 1987 I have hoped to take a winter vacation and ride some of the same areas. I find it unfortunate and deeply disappointing to be a witness to the prejudices being expressed and supported to prohibit snowmobiling. With the current restrictions, limited numbers of sleds and only sleds with best technology being allowed in the Park, winter emissions can only be miniscule when compared to the emissions released into the Park during the summer months of unlimited tour buses, campers, and personal vehicles that crowded the roads and visitor centers. While I know my personal experience will not be considered acceptable evidence, when I traveled by the center for Old Faithful in 1987 there was not a parking spot to be had!

Organization: BlueRibbonCoalition/SAWS/WSSA

Commenter: Chris R Hutt **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127388 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Wildlife stress? On what planet can 318 or 1000 new or old technology snowmobiles create more wildlife stress, pollution or any of the other claimed travesties than 7,000 cars per day in the summer???

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 904 **Comment Id:** 127297 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Winter use numbers of Yellowstone have always been lower than summer so why the concern over noise pollution? Have you listened to the Park noise in the summer? All the motorcycles, Rv's, cars, buses... the bison seem to do just fine in the summer so why would a considerably lower amount of snowmobiles/coaches affect them in the winter?

Organization:

Commenter: Amanda N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128217 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If anyone has ever ridden or have heard the sound of the 4-stroke snowmobiles that are now available, they are very quiet and produce very little exhaust. The 4-stroke models are very similar to the cars that are driving through the park in the spring/summer seasons. The tours are guided through the park have very strict rules that the riders must follow. I don't believe that the summer visitors must have a guide to show them around the park and to keep them from causing problems. It just doesn't seem fair, does it?

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 901 **Comment Id:** 127261 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: In addition to possible permit requirements for summer use, winter use should also limit daily visitors.

Organization:

Commenter: Cindy Holtz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 832 **Comment Id:** 127364 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I strongly support winter use in Yellowstone. I believe that impacts of snowmobiles have been vastly overstated by some stakeholders and recent studies, and common sense, bear this out. There is no comparison between the thousands of private wheeled vehicles, buses, motorhomes and construction equipment that enter and use the park daily during the summer months and the 318, 4-stroke snowmachines that are allowed in per day in winter. If summer use is sound and in accord with

the national parks mandate, the much lighter, less intrusive winter use MUST be (and is) compatible. It is disingenuous and simply wrong to argue that the winter use by snowmobiles that ride solely on the groomed roads, in guided groups and in very low numbers is more intrusive or damaging than the existing summer use.

Organization:

Commenter: Steven Emery **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1271 **Comment Id:** 128183 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The amount of winter traffic is so limited, compared to the amount of visitors driving far less eco friendly vehicles in the summer. The snowmobile traffic is running on a layer of snow and doesn't even touch the ground for the most part.

Organization: MNUSA

Commenter: Travis Roddel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1097 **Comment Id:** 127851 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: During my visits to Yellowstone in the summer season, there were considerably more people and cars and the visit was still enjoyable. I don't see any movement to limit Harley motorcycles from the park which are considerably more noisy than a snowmobile.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127207 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The busiest of snowmobile tourism days throughout the years did not begin to touch the summer month tourism usage.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1091 **Comment Id:** 127829 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It for the most part is a joke if you look at summer usage. There are hundreds of

thousands of cars and motorcycles allowed daily in the summer. As long as you have a BATT snowmobile with stock exhaust go for it on the park roads in the winter just as before. I ride a stock 4 stroke snowmobile that is far less noisy than a open piped Harley or a monster diesel 1 ton pulling a 40 foot 5th wheel. I am sure the animals don't differentiate between seasons. Anyhow I am for BAT winter use in Yellowstone Park if any body asks

Organization:

Commenter: Doug G Corrins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1089 **Comment Id:** 127812 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Closing the park in the winter is ridicules! I have traveled to West Yellowstone every winter & summer for the last 10 years. I see more of an environmental disruptions in the summer with all the tour busses and cars that it is not even close to the winter. The people that visit in the winter have more respect for wildlife and the park then the visitors in the summer. There needs to be a balance between the use of clean Snowmobiles and the park. Why don't they limit the busses and vehicles in the summer? Because the environmentalist would be able to enjoy it when it is Convenient for them.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1011 **Comment Id:** 127760 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If the self-proclaimed experts really believe that the winter use is so detrimental, then they must realize how much worse the heavy summer traffic is. If you elect to eliminate motorized winter travel, then treat all things equal and eliminate summer travel, shut down the park to visitors and eliminate the entire staff because you are obviously ignoring the "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People" inscribed on the monument at the north entrance.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1086 **Comment Id:** 127810 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have also been a park visitor in the summer months. I honestly think that the summer months have more of an impact on the animals and the environment in the park than the winter traffic ever thought about. Consider if you will the number of buses, motorhomes, motorcycles and vehicles and PEOPLE harassing the wildlife. All of these pollute the air all summer and fall long. Maybe a different study needs to be done to base the decision on. It has been my experience that the

winter tourism is much more gentle on the environment than the hosts of thousands that tour in the summer and fall seasons.

Organization:

Commenter: Lorie H Price **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1007 **Comment Id:** 127755 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am basically writing in to simply state that Yellowstone is a National Park that should have and maintain access to snowmobiles. Something that needs to be known is that winter travel and summer travel are not the same and effect the environment in different ways. I have been planning on a snowmobile trip to Yellowstone for year, I hope I will be able to eventually do this.

Organization: Holycross Powder Hounds

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127616 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: ...I don't understand how the greatly reduced number of people who visit in the winter could have the negative impact we are to believe, that these fewer numbers have a higher impact on wildlife & air quality as opposed to the thousands & tens of thousands that visit in the summer..unfortunately there will always be those whom can't follow the rules just as there is in everything, those are the few who ruin it for those of us who can. Yellowstone was made a national park for ALL to enjoy, not constricted to just summer visitors & to the wealthy to enjoy in the winter, that is the way it is headed at present time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 885 **Comment Id:** 127598 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: All summer long, all manner of motorized vehicles are allowed in the park with no regard to the cleanliness or quietness of those vehicles. There are no restrictions to their travel. Winter travelers are held to a much higher standards and to much lower numbers.

Organization:

Commenter: Becky Johnstone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1083 **Comment Id:** 127803 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is really no reason to close the park for snowmobiling when all summer long cars, trucks, and motor homes get to use the park. Studies have shown that snowmobiles contribute much less overall emissions than those listed above.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127787 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: You don't need a guide to drive your car through the park in the summer. Why should you have to pay top dollar for one if you don't need it in the Winter?

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128152 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In fact, Yellowstone should consider Denali's summer busing requirements as well. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1178 **Comment Id:** 128107 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In the summer you get the general population that has loud cars and trucks, bug ugly diesel motor homes etc... If I were in charge I would put more limits on the summer recreation at the park and not the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1177 **Comment Id:** 128104 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: About a million cars use the same roads in the summer. You really can't be seriously worried about a few thousand snow machines on the same roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1174 **Comment Id:** 126339 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: As an avid snowmobiler all my life I have appreciated and protected nature even while snowmobiling. We are not a threat to the wildlife, we are no different then the cars, buses, or motorcycles that travel throughout the park in the summer with the exception that our numbers are much smaller.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 991 **Comment Id:** 128311 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Now - just think...Have the people that are trying to limit snowmobile's in the park ever sat on the side of the road on a busy summer day and seen the the loud, exhaust smoking, unsafe cars that are in the park cruising around ? I have and believe me - the snowmobile's are not the problem.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1163 **Comment Id:** 128086 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The most obvious issue that comes to mind is the contrast I see between winter use and summer use within the park. Each summer tens of thousands of vehicles enter the park, cars, buses, diesel trucks, and motor homes alike, and the park is extremely crowded. During the winter time, travel within the park is restricted to snow coach use and BAT guided snowmobile tours. It is extremely unfair to target snowmobiles when in actuality they make up a very small percentage of the vehicles which enter the park each year, and therefore their impact is minimal overall. To me, it just seems as though somewhat of a double standard is involved here. I am not in any way an advocate of this, but if we put such restrictions on snowmobiles, wouldn't it make sense to do the same with every other type of vehicle? I would strongly suggest we truly analyze the differences between summertime use and wintertime use within the park. If the concern is truly about pollution and impacts on wildlife and habitat, then it makes sense to first take a look at the most obvious thing, that being summertime use of the park. There needs to be a balance here, and the both the proposed and current policies do not

even come close to providing that balance.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128041 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my opinion there shouldn't be limits, or even guides, place on them. I don't see automobiles limited in the summer.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1150 **Comment Id:** 128036 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: And the last thing is why are snowmachines regulated, but rv's, cars, motorcylces are not regulated. do these other things not pollute!!

Organization: bucks lake snowdrifters

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1145 **Comment Id:** 128023 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to see the Park Service be fair and have similar restrictions put on non-winter motorized use to Yellowstone as you place on motorized winter use vehicles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 962 **Comment Id:** 128005 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The key flaw in previous analysis is that it failed to consider impacts of wintertime activities in the context of year round use. I formally request that the agency consider impacts of snowmobiling in contrast to summer use.

Organization:

Commenter: Ladd T Johnson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1144 **Comment Id:** 128022 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If your going to limit snow mobiles then you also need to limit car, motorcycles, trucks, all the new models burn clean are quiet and don't smell, no different than the other vehicles you now let in, I'm tired of getting a bad rap, and I pay taxes to keep yellowstone open and you employed and I should be able to enjoy it on a sled in the winter

Organization:

Commenter: jeff s donner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 839 **Comment Id:** 127396 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: i believe that yellowstone national park (ynp) should be as open to motorized transportation, including snowmobiles, in the winter as motorized transportation is open to ynp in the warm weather months. there are no more detrimental effects on the park from snowmobiles as there are from summer vehicles which include diesel buses, diesel motorhomes, diesel trucks, gas powered cars and motorcycles.

Organization: blue ribbon coalition

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Correspondence Id: 839 **Comment Id:** 127397 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: the areas that are open to summer visitors should be open to winter visitors too. there are no good reasons why winter visitors should be restricted as they are when compared to summer visitors. what is fair for one group is only fair for the other group. i am all for preserving the park but let's be fair about it.

Organization: blue ribbon coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1141 **Comment Id:** 127998 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I fail to see how opening up the roads in Yellowstone to snowmobiling for all the general public causes any more harm or pollution than your bragging about a million cars going

through the park last summer. This still smacks like the master plan I saw while still living in Michigan back in 1968-69. where the Dept of Interior made it their goal to eliminate as much traffic as possibly in and around the Yellowstone/Teton ecosphere. As a new resident of Wyoming I find it appalling that we are restricted/barred from using the park in the winter and millions are encouraged and applauded for visiting in the summer.

Organization: WSA

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Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 129388 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: There are many environmental organizations against winter motorized use of Yellowstone National Park, generally claiming the park environment needs a resting period. While winter probably is a time of environmental cleansing and rest for the park, wouldn't summer restrictions also help ease the overall burden on the park? I imagine that a limit on foreign and American tourists visiting in the summer would help allow a reasonable plan for all to visit in the winter, too.

Organization:

Commenter: Sara Adlington **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 22 **Comment Id:** 129389 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I would like the National Park Service and other agencies to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement that addresses summer use of the park before they make recommendations on a plan for either season. I'm personally outraged that winter use is so heavily scrutinized, while summer [ab]use seems to go virtually unchecked.

Organization:

Commenter: Sara Adlington **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 130 **Comment Id:** 129522 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I strongly disagree that modern technology 4 stroke snowmobiles in the winter are any different than cars, RVs, etc in the summer in terms of noise, air quality, etc. I also disagree that they have any more impact on wildlife than a snow coach since both are required to remain on road.

Organization:

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MT1000 Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 320 **Comment Id:** 126442 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: My comments are most definitely "substantive and pertinent". Evidently you desire "new information not available in earlier winter use planning processes". Surely you jest! You people have been doing this for years and years and years, but you keep bowing to pressure from commercial interests that does NOT conform to your own guidelines! THAT is the problem, and no new information is needed to figure that out! LISTEN to the comments you have had for years and years and years that keep saying: "be consistent with the NPS mission, use best available science, accurate fidelity to the law, and go with the long-term public interest", plus the other values read into the second paragraph above. If you choose those long-term values, all those who truly care about Yellowstone, NOT those who care only for the money they can gain from greedily taking what they can for their own short-term profit, will know Yellowstone is truly in GOOD hands to the 7th generation. Thanks for seriously considering your OWN superior guidelines. Now that WOULD be new!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Maxine Morrise **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 838 **Comment Id:** 127394 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my 38 years of visiting the park both in Winter and Summer, I have observed the "Park Service" already has a plan for the use of Yellowstone NP of their own. Their one sidedness has always prevailed. Decisions have been made that are based only on the desires of the Park Service and not on the interests of the People. It is easier to run it the easy way and not the right way for the People that visit the Park. Just like the politicians in Washington, the arrogance and "we know what is best" attitude is very evident. I could go on but will not waist my time as I feel it is a fruitless endeavor now, just like it has been in the past.

Organization:

Commenter: Larry Ott **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 334 **Comment Id:** 126557 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Such a plan would: 1) Minimize the number of vehicles in the park during winter, when animals need peace and quiet to survive the cold. 2) Provides equal access to all visitors in such a way that they don't infringe on each others ability to enjoy the park. 3) Showcase the park as a place to be appreciated for its unique qualities ? not just as a place to ride a snowmobile. 4) Provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about our park. 5) Reduce pollution (noise, and petrochemicals

in the air and watershed.)

Organization:

Commenter: Dolly Chapman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 853 **Comment Id:** 127474 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I hope the people in charge of making this decisions really takes in consideration both side of the story and based their decision on actual research and collected data and not in what a group of people believe as "just the right thing to do". Thank you and God bless,

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1145 **Comment Id:** 128024 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Most anti snowmobile comments are bred in ignorance and dislike for the machines and their users. Not based on the facts of the situation that exists today. I realize that neither the National Park Service or the anti snowmobile groups are not interested in providing an accurate picture of the current situation in Yellowstone Park today. All you hear is the snowmobiles being allowed in the park are noisy, smelly, smoke belching, monsters, driving willy-nilly all over the park.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1057 **Comment Id:** 127765 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling! Snowmobiling the park has changed and some say for the better and others say for the worse. Well that really depends on your position but we can all agree that the industry has changed, it is much cleaner, it is much quieter and given the historic regulation that have been in effect even as long ago as when I spent my Honeymoon there if we let snowmobile into the park at the same level they were in 1993 the impact would be less then they were then. Yet here we are again at the table with a threat of further restricting the use of our park. Further limiting the enjoyment for all for future generations. Please lets get back to reality. We have been lied to long enough by interest group (snowmobled studies based on old technology, Global warming based on falsified records) who will do what ever it take to promote there interest.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1179 **Comment Id:** 128112 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 2)Enhance snowmobile experience.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1070 **Comment Id:** 127779 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I've lived in Wyoming for most of my life and I treasure our wild places. I am absolutely positive that we Wyomians are better qualified to take care of our resources than those I'll politely describe as "easterners". I understand that many of those who are against snowmobiles in the Park have never even been there. Come on.....sounds like environmental groups lobbying their members to write letters.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1283 **Comment Id:** 128213 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: There is no reason to take these rights away from us. What rights have we taken away from them this is the land of the free so let us be free. i have only rode up on one animal in the five years i have been riding and then we stop and took a break and gave the animal 30 min to move off at its own pace there is a lot of good impact we do as well ever seen the track in a field u went through in the spring ur track u left in the snow made for a packed snow and greener grass pack snow takes longer to melt so it sooks in not runs off and it also is a great family time we all have a good time on the trail and in the trees

Organization:

Commenter: Eric A Lowe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1272 **Comment Id:** 128186 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My name is Dylan, first I will say I have never rode in Yellowstone, but that is because I am only 16 and my dad has a busy job. When I am older I plan to travel to many different places to ride, and if all the cool wilderness places are closed, there will be no where to travel to. I love

the sport of snowmobiling and every year they get more and more environmentally friendly.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1095 **Comment Id:** 127839 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I encourage YNP officials to realize that focusing only on protection of the Park for future generations makes an assumption that we have crystal balls and can read into the future. We all know history can be an indicator of the future, but it's doubtful anyone in history would have predicted the type of lifestyle we lead today. That said, recognize that there can be a balance between active winter use and protection of animals and environment. It doesn't have to be all or nothing. Stop pretending it's all about safety or science and acknowledge it's a perception that "those in government know what's best for the people." I work in government and we all make attempts to pretend we want to know what the people want when in reality we want them to just be quiet and do what we know is best.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 615 **Comment Id:** 126744 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Protect Yellowstone

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Correspondence Id: 1089 **Comment Id:** 127814 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This right here says it all "Radical environmental groups openly admit they would like to change that. They think National Parks should be all about protection, just like Wilderness, and they are working hard to make that happen. Wilderness activist groups have attempted to close all the dirt roads in Canyonlands National Park, eliminate Personal Watercraft from Lake Powell, and ban snowmobiles from Yellowstone."

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1085 **Comment Id:** 127807 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please leave this alone, why are rights as american's being taking away, My father didn't go to war, in ww2 for our freedom to stripped away. I thought this was THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA not some private club for the enviros,

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 797 **Comment Id:** 127174 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Why do the tree-hugger crazies come out year after year, bleating about winter 'damage to snow-roads', or some such, in Yellowstone? For Pete's sake, they are made of SNOW!! There's tons of it there. Scrape it down, pat on some more, voila, brand new road! If these environmental kooks had their way, there would be absolutely NO humans allowed in Yellowstone, whatsoever, to despoil the natural beauty, which, of course, none would ever see! They might even compromise, and allow ONLY hikers with backpacks, toting in and OUT all evidence, even brushing away footprints, but this would be a slap in the face of the handicapped, who could not do this, requiring wheel-chair access, suitable restroom facilities, etc., for instance.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil R Glenn **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1227 **Comment Id:** 126375 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In re to soundscapes; if this is a true issue and I do not believe it is as it is extremely temporary, then ALL LOGGING operations and contracts should be canceled for the rest of time in the park as well. This includes any removal of a tree including fallen trees on the roads as the use of a chainsaw far exceeds the legal decibel level for noise in the park.

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Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127786 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To impose more regulations on the park because of made up lies and statistics is absolutely ridiculous. The shallow minded and self centered people who push for these regulations should be fed to the Wolves that grace the park. I do agree that the park does need regulations and

rules to keep it as pristine as we can for future generations. With that said there are two extremes to this.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129605 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Grand Teton National Park While I am aware that the current purpose of this EIS process is to develop a winter use plan for Yellowstone, the NPS should broaden the scope of this process to reconsider and fix the winter use plan for Grand Teton National Park (GTNP). The current plan in that park practically eliminates snowmobile use without justification. As noted in the comments of the Wyoming State Trails Division, the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail is cut in half under the current plan, and restrictive limits and BAT requirements unjustly limit access to Jackson Lake for fishing. Unlike Yellowstone, much of the snowmobile traffic in GTNP occurs right along the highway, and the limits and restrictions arising from conditions in Yellowstone simply do not make sense in GTNP. The NPS has historically considered winter use in both parks concurrently and it should do so now. Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments on this latest round of planning. I appreciate the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency and comment on the Winter Use EIS. Other Wyoming state agencies will be providing comments on the EIS. Those comments are incorporated herein by this reference. My staff and I look forward to continuing to work alongside the NPS on this very important document. I certainly understand that difficult balance that you must strike and am committed to developing a proper range of alternatives and arriving at a thoughtful and defensible course forward. Best regards, Dave Freudenthal, Governor, State of Wyoming

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 705 **Comment Id:** 126883 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Just one other point: we are deeply saddened by the demise of the wolves in the Cottonwood pack. We consider these animals the property of all citizens, not of those haters and hunters who would eliminate them. We feel personally wounded by their deaths. We realize that isn't your fault, but we wanted you to know this. Any strong stands you can take for the wolf will definitely be supported by us.

Organization:

Commenter: Gibbs and Catherine Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1461 **Comment Id:** 128991 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: how many times and how much money does the park need to spend to realize that snowmobiles and snowcoaches are not harming the resources or the environment inside yellowstone national park? The park has spent millions doing the same studies over and over and over and over and..you get my point. The crusade to stop snowmobiling and snowcoaches in the park is not based on any logic or rationale, it has simply become an emotional cause. A crusade that the environmentalists are willing to drop money to achieve it.

Organization:

Commenter: Casey Schroeder **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1591 **Comment Id:** 129890 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: March 24, 2010 Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 Dear Planning Team: I am writing on behalf of the California-Nevada Snowmobile Association (CNSA) regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Please give the following comments and suggestions serious consideration as you develop a full range of alternatives for this EIS.

Organization: California - Nevada Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Fred Wiley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1524 **Comment Id:** 128262 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the chance to comment. We own vacation property in West Yellowstone and love the park. It is extraordinary in winter and needs to be available to many more people.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1584 **Comment Id:** 129607 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process to determine a long-range winter use plan for Yellowstone beginning with this scoping. In your invitation to contribute, you've asked, "What Can I Do To Help?" I am responding within that framework.

Organization:

Commenter: Marysue Costello **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 778 **Comment Id:** 127129 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: . Why do the citizens have to waste their time and money fighting you people who think you can make a better world for the rest of us. In case the thought hadn't occurred to you, you are one of "us". Please try your best to think like "us" when making plans for "us".

Organization:

Commenter: Wayne R Grim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1185 **Comment Id:** 128131 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles in Yellowstone has become a political football, the park should be managed for all users.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Assn.

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1135 **Comment Id:** 127962 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Over the years I have come to the conclusion that winter use Yellowstone Park management policy is geared to eliminating snowmobile access and that is the bottom line. YNP wants to eliminate snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: David Christianson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 414 **Comment Id:** 128563 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: ALSO WE THINK BUFFALO SHOULD BE ABLE TO ROAM WHEREVER THEY WANT TO WITHOUT INTERVENTION. THEY WERE HERE LONG BEFORE YOU WERE.

Organization:

Commenter: TONY TALLMAN **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129497 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Winter use in Yellowstone is sending a message to the whole world about how americans treat their wildlife and parks. It tells the world what kind of people we are.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129500 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The restoration of wolves tells the world that we are starting to get serious about finally living up to our legislative mandate.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127888 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems to me most people that want to get rid of snowmobiles in parks and other place's have no real knowledge of snowmobiles what so ever. They have certainly never been on one, or near one. Most people just SUSPECT they are loud and noisy and have huge environmental impacts. If your so concerned about the environment I invite you to look at the car you drive and the Harley that's leaking oil on the floor in your garage. Both of those make more noise and air pollution than snowmobiles ever will.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1104 **Comment Id:** 127874 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: why ban atvs and snowmobiles from yellowstone? The people pushing for this should have an environmental study done before they destroy hundreds of acres for gated communities in montana. I guess a theatre that seats 20 in a home for 2 is worth it open your eyes. The people saying they care the most are the worst environmental criminals!

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1180 **Comment Id:** 128117 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Enhance the snowmobile experience, not reduce it.

Organization:

Commenter: Betty M Steffensmeier **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 125 **Comment Id:** 127535 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone belongs to the PEOPLE, not to the Park Service and it should be open to the PEOPLE, year round.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129363 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am sure that the Park Service understands the true agenda of groups like the GYC that only adhere to information that supports their agenda. CBU has found in fact that these groups will distort, make-up and even lie in court to achieve their agendas. Members of CBU have witnessed this first hand and I would request that the Park Service make this fact known to the public when your agency becomes aware of this tactic. I have never seen the Park Service publically exposing the tactics of groups like GYC and this needs to be done. When false information is put forward by environmental groups in there effort to close Yellowstone Park, the Park Service has a duty to educate the public on the facts and true peer reviewed science.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1312 **Comment Id:** 129108 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As a member of the Association Of National Park Rangers (ANPR) and employed by the National Park Service, I believe I have a good understanding of the fundamental purpose of those areas comprising the NP System including Yellowstone National Park. Since I grew up in Ashton, Idaho Yellowstone Parks has become an Eden to me to experience the world as God created it.

Following Yellowstone's establishment and then creation of the National Park Service, both Congress and the federal courts have articulated an ever increasing protective priority for the National Park System resources.

Organization: ANPR

Commenter: Johann A Ott **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1162 **Comment Id:** 128084 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Bonjour, Tout d'abord désolé mais mon anglais n'est pas bon du tout donc je vais vous épargner cela. J'ai eu la chance de me rendre a Jackson Hole en mars 2008. Nous sommes resté dans la région 10 jours pour découvrir le superbe panorama en motoneige. Je ne vous cache pas qu'une des principales raisons du choix de la destination a été le parc naturel de Yellowstone avec ses geysers et tout ce qui va avec. Bien que nous nous sommes rendu qu'un seul jour dans le parc cela reste le plus beau souvenir du voyage. A force d'en parler autour de moi ici en Suisse on discute pour y retourner en 2011 ou 2012. Si le parc est fermé au motoneige je pense que nous changerons de destination pour découvrir d'autre d'autre intrigues de la nature et d'autres régions grandioses. (Les Rocheuses côté canada, la Suède , la Finlande ou la Norvège) Tous cela pour dire que le Parc de Yellowstone est très connu en dehors des Etats-Unis et rien que de le cité dans la destination on a déjà envie de le voir. Meilleures salutations Alexis

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 856 **Comment Id:** 127486 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a winter sports enthusiast and advocate responsible use of the park. I have been operating a snowmobile for thirty eight years and have enjoyed being able to experience this winter sport for its benefits to me and my family. My daughter, four years old, will someday be able to look at her past experiences and be able to reflect on what snowmobiling has taught her, the same as I am able to. I was raised to respect the environment while still being able to enjoy it. The snowmobile community has demonstrated a commitment to improve air pollution meeting air quality standards established by the national government. Also noise pollution standards as well as safety standards. Local as well as national efforts have been underway for a while to eliminate the use of snowmobiles in the park and that contradicts what the parks were intended for. All taxpayers share the burden as well as the responsibility to effective park management. It would be an absolute shame if I have to tell my daughter "we can't go there" because the national parks aren't for everyone. The NPS can develop a plan that respects the views of all users. The snowmobile manufacturers have improved their products (at a substantial cost to the user) and the end users have not cried foul. We continue to pay for these improvements because WE also see the benefit.

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Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128068 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: When ever a government agency declares another EIS will be made, it usually raises concern in that it has an underlying purpose and, more often than not, results in the elimination of use to the public. I can only assume a YP EIS announcement will result in this usual way. I can only hope and pray public input is honestly welcome and considered, unlike the Forest Service Road Plans of recent past in Montana and neighboring states.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128072 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my local area, hard working folks, use what limited time they have to maximize the enjoyment of the outdoors. If a snowmobile, motorcylce, atv or other motorized vehicle helps them accomplish that, more power to them. Use what ever means to spend time outdoors. Its good for them and good for their families. Yet, I see more and more public lands being closed to the public or restricted in it's use, when study after study after study shows the areas are multiple use. But, again, there are those who want it their way for their use only and use any means to make it so. Lie enough, long enough and some will start believing it.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 119 **Comment Id:** 127449 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Let's hope that this planning process is not hijacked by political points of view, by inaccurate interpretations or misrepresentations of data produced by scientists, and that the park's reporting of winter use visitation is accurate and unbiased.

Organization: Coalition of National Park Service Retirees

Commenter: Richard B Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1149 **Comment Id:** 128033 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have just read somewhere the activist are at it again I plan on using the park for a great family snowmobile vacation every year starting next year. We all will have different opinions on this and that is what they should stay Opinions I should have as much right to the park as lets say skiers or hikers. I could make an argument on how they shouldn't be aloud in the park in the winter but we all need to coexist. We all have different ways we enjoy the outdoors as long as were not destroying it while were there and believe me I seen destroying I am Native American and know how everybody needs to respect Mother Earth.

Organization: empire L&C

Commenter: Nicholas Parker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 31 **Comment Id:** 127729 **Coder's Initials:** REBECCA_BYRON

Comment Text: I do not know where you people think it's you're park, because, IT IS NOT YOU'RE PARK!! It is OUR, Park and do not forget that. You do what WE tell you to do and nothing more. You work for US, WE tell, You what to do!!And don't forget that, which you have. Government cannot do any thing right, government screws up everything it put's it's grubby fingers on! Keep out of our business and let us do what we think is fair!!

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1108 **Comment Id:** 127882 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am an avid snowmobiler and generally an out doors adventurist type person. I also live on and maintain a family farm that has been in existence for over 100 years. I am a "Steward of the land" and I have been for nearly 40years. In that time I have witnessed the neverending erosion of prime agricultural land in lieu of urban sprawl. I have also witnessed the persistent migration of urban dwellers to the rural areas in search of all the wonders they have displaced from what use to be "natural habitat" that they themselves were at least partially responsible for undermining. Now it seems as though a similar group of individuals has taken it upon themselves to decide what is good for the dwellers of the natural environment and seek to have all motorized access to these areas curtailed. Thus the only presence in the wild would be that of humans on foot!!! I suspect they did not walk to nature though and more than likely used some sort of motorized transport to get there.

Organization:

Commenter: Craig s Gudmundson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 889 **Comment Id:** 127677 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Over the years I have watched, listened and read about the management and control of Yellowstone National Park. Politics are destroying our Parks. From shopping for a Judge who could politically maneuver by special interest groups. The Park Service does a good job of managing the daily operations of the Park. It is my opinion the Park Service in the past has used special interest groups to champion their desires and views. I would suggest that the Park Service prepare the factual information about the Park and remain neutral and use their time, talent and federal funds and park fees to operate the Park. In fact, Yellowstone Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis release an eight (8) page s informational monitoring and science related to winter use of the Park dated October 15, 2009. Special interest groups from both sides of the issues are destroying our National Parks. To most of these special interest groups, it is not about what is best for the Yellowstone National Park but we have more political clout, we will do it our way.

Organization:

Commenter: William E Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1138 **Comment Id:** 127988 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Parks are here for human enjoyment because without our presence they would be nothing but vacant unexplored expanses of land. Do we stay inside our homes for the rest of our lives afraid to effect our surroundings? No, we continue to travel the unknown and allow ourselves to stand in awe of the world around us and all that it entails

Organization: Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 835 **Comment Id:** 127385 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The enviro-nazis continue the same rhetoric. When one approach doesn't work they regroup and try something else. While reaping millions suing the federal government.

Organization:

Commenter: Ken D Corbridge **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127945 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If snowmobiling left a foot print that nature would not sustain and do not know of anyone that would continue to spend thousands of dollars each year to pursue snowmobiling if they were knowingly hurting the environment which they love.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1123 **Comment Id:** 127926 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As you may or may not know, Snowmobilers for what ever reason, are a huge target from the opposition. The people that are against Snowmobiling are in favor of closing down every single area we have to ride. It's a shame that these people will not be happy until they close down snowmobiling. In an era of family's being broken more and more, why take this area away from our family's? How do I explain to my 14 year old daughter and my 3 year old that they will no longer be able to ride in Yellowstone if it is closed?

Organization:

Commenter: Charles D Brickles **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1293 **Comment Id:** 128232 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Hundreds of thousands of comments have been received over the last 10 years and the American people overwhelmingly support a quiet, non polluted and safer Yellowstone winter for wildlife, skiers and snowshoers. The science is in and it also supports the elimination of snowmobile use in the park so please get on with it... enough with the analysis paralysis!

Organization:

Commenter: tom chelstrom **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 869 **Comment Id:** 127539 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Park is not just an animal refuge but also a National Park, and should be available to more of the taxpayers who support it financially.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1150 **Comment Id:** 128035 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: When it is closed will there really going to be a rebuilding process that will acure. the only way I see that happing is if they remove all the roads, buildings, fence posts, and concrete for the forest to really rebuild. I feel that most damage has been done and won't get worse if people respect the

land.

Organization: bucks lake snowdrifters

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1147 **Comment Id:** 128029 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: How is it the EIS can tell us that we are harmful to the environment while they live in their log houses and drive their big SUV's, you tell me who is the wrong one. We are the ones who care for and respect the land. I am sorry but someone who lives a lame life in a big city far from us should have no right to tell us what to do or how to do it. As I recall it we are the ones who can breath clean air and see the stars so you tell me who needs to have some rights taken away.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1145 **Comment Id:** 128026 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The real issue is the anti snowmobile groups and political pressure from the left wing want snowmobiles banned, everywhere, period. Of course I know most anti-snowmobile groups and politicians don't want to cloud the issue with the facts.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 14 **Comment Id:** 129156 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I Have a question the future number of 318 snowmobiles per day of private .Do we take consider limit of use per day that national park service usage is per day on the same guide lines for eco system that we are proposing.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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PN2000 Purpose And Need: Park Purpose And Significance (Non-Substantive)

Correspondence Id: 334 **Comment Id:** 126565 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Most Americans will never go to Yellowstone National Park, yet they feel great pride in owning it and claim it as a national treasure. It stands in their minds just as does the nation's Capital, the Arctic National Wildlife refuge, the Statue of Liberty, and so many other places and things that we love and take pride in without ever seeing. Please work to keep Yellowstone as the splendid and unique place that it is and not just as a place to ride snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Dolly Chapman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 352 **Comment Id:** 126608 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The constant arguments by surrounding towns about the adverse effects on their economies should not be a deciding factor in these decisions. With the enormous amount of visitation during spring summer and fall, those businesses that profit from their being able to operate in the immediate vicinity of a park and then, complain because the NPS rightly places restrictions on such visitation that creates a negative effect on the park's wildlife which, in the long run directly effects the animals in the park should not be the deciding factor in park restrictions.. The NPS rightly has a responsibility to protect both the park and it's wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Peter R Hansen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 316 **Comment Id:** 126433 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: As a closing note, I find the entire issue as just another facet of the ongoing war against our national parks ? a war that has been waged for many decades now. It is time for those who lead in our national parks to stand up and say "enough. We shall honor our commitment to the preservation mission of the national parks". I appreciate the opportunity to submit my comments. For the record, I write as a former park ranger.

Organization:

Commenter: Jay Kirkpatrick **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 833 **Comment Id:** 127380 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone Park has become a winter playground only for the wealthy ? the average family has been locked out due to the cost of access. As a new winter use plan is being designed, please remember that YNP is a place for all people to use and enjoy. Nowhere in the verbiage of our

national park system's history does it state that access is a place for only the wealthy people or those who can afford to pay for it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 833 **Comment Id:** 127382 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As an avid conservationist and supporter of YNP and the national park system, I support and encourage the ongoing efforts to preserve and protect our lands. But that is the point?it is OUR land. As those who were instrumental in creating our park system have said, national parks are for THE PEOPLE'S ENJOYMENT, USE, AND ACCESS. Franklin Roosevelt stated, ".... the fundamental idea behind the parks...is that the COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE". Newton Druray, former National Park Director stated, "?they (the parks) make it possible for ALL AMERICANS--millions of them at first-hand--to enjoy unspoiled the great scenic places of the Nation". And Stephen Mather, also a form NPS Director believed that "the parks do not belong to one state or to one section.... (they) are national properties in which EVERY CITIZEN has a vested interest." Even the current National Parks Service claims this absolute core value via a web page titled National Parks: ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE (http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/access/index.htm).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 899 **Comment Id:** 127734 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am writing you to provide comments as part of the scoping for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan. I am a big fan of winter backcountry skiing, but I think that snowmobiles have no place in winter in our National Parks. I value the quiet that comes with public lands in winter, and I know that animals do too.

Organization:

Commenter: Alex Frankel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1122 **Comment Id:** 127919 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiling is a wonderful and totally unique way to experience Yellowstone in the winter. To take the ability to ride away from we the people is like taking life and wilderness from the park. The park was originated by the Gov't in 1872 to promote wilderness and the well being of people. Snowmobiling is already strict enough, having to go in with a guide and only use of a 4-stroke.

Kill a tree huger save yellowstone!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127212 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In closing, (Yes I am about done) the idea of a National Park is to provide the citizens of the USA the ability to observe nature without drastically affecting it. This is what Teddy R. had in mind. I am simply asking you to center the swinging environmental pendulum in a reasonable state and allow my family and others to enjoy the wonders of a winter in Yellowstone aboard our EPA approved personal snowmobiles atop hard surface highways the same as you allow summer visitors to use their EPA approved motorcycles, cars, and RVs.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 806 **Comment Id:** 127183 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Apparently the purpose of the National Parks, especially Yellowstone has become secondary . The NPS seems to overlook the fact that the National Park system originated with the idea of the parks were for the people to enjoy.

Organization:

Commenter: Harold M Friedman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 888 **Comment Id:** 127616 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: ...I don't understand how the greatly reduced number of people who visit in the winter could have the negative impact we are to believe, that these fewer numbers have a higher impact on wildlife & air quality as opposed to the thousands & tens of thousands that visit in the summer..unfortunately there will always be those whom can't follow the rules just as there is in everything, those are the few who ruin it for those of us who can. Yellowstone was made a national park for ALL to enjoy, not constricted to just summer visitors & to the wealthy to enjoy in the winter, that is the way it is headed at present time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127784 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The idea of a National Park is for all people to enjoy. Right now it is only for rich people to enjoy.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128142 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles and snowcoaches both disrupt the purpose and need of the park by destroying soundscapes, polluting the air, disturbing non-motorized users and stressing wildlife. Though much of the park is un-roaded wilderness, the sound and air pollution from motorized vehicles travels beyond the confines of the roads.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128145 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobile use by visitors is also not appropriate to the park's purpose and need. Snowmobiles disrupt the natural soundscapes of the park, disturb wildlife, and pollute the air.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1194 **Comment Id:** 128150 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Denali has done this and so should Yellowstone. The purpose and need of both parks is the same, and Denali is the park that has interpreted this mandate correctly.

Organization:

Commenter: Tikko T Lee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 755 **Comment Id:** 127071 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone NP is the only large land mass in the area where solitude is possible, and where the sound of motorized vehicles can be escaped. This should be developed as a selling point by keeping snowmobiles out of the park. Thanks for the opportunity to comment

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1177 **Comment Id:** 128103 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose of the National Parks was for public enjoyment of unimpaired nature

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 864 **Comment Id:** 127523 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park was made for people to enjoy what is found within, and not to keep people out.

Organization:

Commenter: Guy Webster **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126990 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Many former Directors of the National Park Service have emphasized in repeated pleas that weakening protection of Yellowstone by authorizing continued snowmobile use within the Park "would be a radical departure from the Interior Department's stewardship mission."

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 718 **Comment Id:** 126991 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: They cautioned: "The choice over snowmobile use in Yellowstone is a choice between upholding the founding principle of our national parks stewardship on behalf of all visitors

and future generations or catering to a special interest in a manner that would damage Yellowstone's resources and threaten public health. The latter choice would set an entirely new course for America's national parks." National Park Service Directors from the last eight presidential administrations specifically pointed out: "reducing snowmobile numbers still further from 250 per day to zero while expanding public access on modern snowcoaches, would further improve the park's health." Thank you.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128277 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Because this is a new EIS I will iterate things I have stated in the past so the record remains clear. YNP indicates that its mission is accomplished through pursuit "in perpetuity" of mission goals. These mission goals include managing winter recreational use to protect park resources (limited to natural and cultural resources in the strategic plan) while allowing the public to enjoy the park in the winter. In addition, visitors to the parks should have a high quality, safe and educational experience.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128291 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: I would like to comment and express my concerns to the National Park Board to allow snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park. Our national park was created so ALL people could enjoy it. This means snowmobilers, cross country skiers, hikers, bikers, campers, environmentalists, vacationers, all of us, regardless of our financial situation or political ideals. I do not see an issue with having a trail on the same road that summer travelers, ranger vehicles, ranger snowmobiles, snow coaches, etc. use.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1522 **Comment Id:** 128296 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It seems that most of the people who are complaining about the snowmobiles have never even been on a snowmobile, or visited Yellowstone National Park in the winter time. They don't realize that snowmobiling can be a very enjoyable experience, and can allow people to see a lot of beautiful scenery, without damaging the environment, hurting animals or people. Yes, there are a few

bad apples in snowmobiling, just as there is in any kind of sport in the world. The rest of us just have to do a good job to promote the sport. I do not see how 1 persons opinion has stopped snowmobiles from enjoying the park. Yellowstone National Park was created so that ALL may enjoy the park and what it has to offer.

Organization: Minnesota United Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1507 **Comment Id:** 128441 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is getting beyond old for a select few people to think they own all of our public lands. Public lands and National Parks included belong to us all. And that means we should be allowed to enjoy the land with or without a vehicle.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129927 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The use of BAT snowmobiles, produced by the snowmobile manufactures has helped to provide the appropriate balancing of the dual statutory purposes of the parks, which are to ensure resource conservation as well as support visitor use and enjoyment.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufactures Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1647 **Comment Id:** 129928 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: A key purpose of the park is to allow visitor use and enjoyment and in support of that objective, the Winter Use satisfaction studies have shown that visitors are enjoying the park and support the responsible and reasonable management of the park. Visitors enjoy the park either via snow coach, snowmobiles, cross country skis or snowshoeing and all enjoy the park simultaneously at a very high level of satisfaction. More than 80% of respondents to your surveys have indicated they were very satisfied with the overall visit to the park in the winter.

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufactures Association

Commenter: Ed Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 795 **Comment Id:** 127169 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have visited Yellowstone National Park on almost an annual basis for over 20 years. This year I extended my visits to include the winter. I drove to Mammoth Springs and over to Cook City, I snowmobiled from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful and Canyon Village. This was my most memorable trip in those 20 years and why the national parks were created, "provide for the use and enjoyment" of the parks for current and future generations. All over-snow activity was very controlled with minimal impact on the environment. I make this assessment from my observations of the wild life on our tours. Buffalo and Elk just 25 to 50 yard off the road never even looked up as we passed. In addition it has been my personal experience that a very large percentage of the visitors never leave a very narrow corridor of the park roads, which leave the majority of the park undisturbed by visitors both summer and winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129598 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Per the Yellowstone Organic Act, Yellowstone National Park was "dedicated and set apart as a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people[.]" However, over the years winter management policies in Yellowstone have significantly restricted public access to their public park. Specifically, the decision to restrict daily entrance numbers down to what is now a miniscule 318 per day has led to a situation where Yellowstone is now accessible mostly by the more affluent members of our society ? it is becoming a playground for the well-to-do and not a park for the people.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1433 **Comment Id:** 128947 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am commenting on plans to evaluate the use of winter motorized vehicles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. My family has been a proponent of US National Parks for 4 generations. Please keep National Parks as wild as possible for our children and our children's children, where all citizens can come and enjoy quiet nature and wildlife without the pollution and distraction of recreational vehicles such as snow mobiles used for recreational purposes. Please remember that National Parks are Public Parks and should not put Private Enterprise profits in front of our right to enjoy nature the way it is intended in our National Parks.

Organization: Friends of Yosemite

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 674 **Comment Id:** 126823 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The grandeur of Yellowstone in winter with the peacefulness, feeling of isolation, and the absence of the jarring sounds of the modern world should be a primary objective.

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: Barbara A Lemasters **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 668 **Comment Id:** 126816 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have had the unique opportunity to work in Yellowstone both a Ranger and for the park concession in the 1980's. At that time there was increasing conflict over the ideology of the purpose of a National Park. This ongoing question of how to strike a balance between park visitation and resource protection continues. Its a very challenging conversation that can stir a range of emotions, especially fear, as our natural resources continue to dwindle, population grows, global warming is on the rise, and wild lands continue to be developed. Who doesn't feel threatened and at times very angry. Your responsibility is HUGE and Yellowstone is such an icon that you are a target for conflict. Attempting to find a win-win situation is a major undertaking and the precedence you set has significant impact. Everyone has an opinion, some people think "they " are right, and thank goodness there are some with the capacity to hold a more inclusive vision that embraces more than one camp. I know you are doing your absolute best and thank you for the hard work of supporting a more inclusive vision. Most everyone who has the incredible opportunity to work in Yellowstone loves the resource and lives with conflict over how the all these different entities want to manage THE PARK.

Organization: greater yellowstone coalition

Commenter: catherine shank **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 705 **Comment Id:** 126882 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We believe you have a mandate to protect what is precious about the park, and that the mandate should trump individual profit from snow machine rentals. Let's let quiet and clean air reign in winter and snowcoach or foot/ski traffic be the only approved human intrusions.

Organization:

Commenter: Gibbs and Catherine Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1580 **Comment Id:** 129853 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: March 30, 2010 Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 Dear Superintendent Lewis When creating the National Park System, Congress mandated that the Park Service: (1) "promote" and "provide for the use and enjoyment" of park resources, and (2) and "leave [the park resources] unimpaired for the employment of future generations." These are coequal, yet sometimes conflicting, mandates that require the NPS to balance both Interests when making management decisions.

Organization: Blue Ribbon Coalition

Commenter: Jack Welch **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 129 **Comment Id:** 127027 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: It has not been set aside for the private business interests of snowmobile dealers or for any private enterprise or local business venture. It belongs to the entire U.S. public.

Organization:

Commenter: Stephanie H Becker **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128774 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: When creating the National Park System, Congress mandated that the Park Service: (1) "promote" and "provide for the use and enjoyment" of park resources, and (2) and "leave [the park resources] unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." These are coequal, yet sometimes conflicting, mandates that require the NPS to balance both interests when making management decisions.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1374 **Comment Id:** 128580 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I do not claim to be an expert in local economies and how they best serve their residents, but I do believe I understand for what purposes areas of the National Park System were established ? including Yellowstone NP. And, those purposes can be best described as preservation coupled with enjoyment that supports and promotes preservation.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1120 **Comment Id:** 127914 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Just a couple lines to give my feelings on the park. These national parks were created to preserve parts of our country that are unique and beautiful for generations to come. For this I am grateful, however I am beginning to wonder to what extent this is coming to! I mean what good do we get out of preserving something if it means not being able to see it because we may be harming it.

Organization:

Commenter: Rodney P Rudolph **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 124 **Comment Id:** 127015 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The noise is deafening, and the whole idea and practice of snowmobiles in a national park is not in keeping with the reason that we have these parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Diane Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129368 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The job of the Park Service as a public government agency has the duty to expose these people and organizations for what they really are and why they do these things. The people of the area and also the United States depend on the Park Service to uphold the reason our oldest National Park was set aside. It was for the "enjoyment of the people" and anyone or any group that uses the generation of money in support of themselves, in order to do harm to the citizens dependent upon this resource, should and must be exposed.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129372 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The fact is that businesses in West Yellowstone are closing in the winter, the tax base

is being reduced, schools and infrastructure are suffering and the Park Service has the responsibility to manage the Park "for the enjoyment of the people". If the closing of businesses in West Yellowstone is considered "for the enjoyment of the people" then I believe the Park Service has missed their duty and responsibility to the people. Courts should not be scientists and inject their morality and agendas into their decisions. Courts should be held accountable for decisions such as these and I respectfully request that the Park Service challenge their flawed rulings and start representing the local communities and residents as required by law.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1572 **Comment Id:** 129374 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on yet another winter use plan scoping document for Yellowstone National Park. My family has lived in the Gallatin Valley for over 140 years and we still own the original ranch where my great grandfather settled. I take it very personal that organizations can come to this great state and then spend vast amounts of time, energy, and money to lock us out of our public lands and National Parks. The job and duty of the Park Service under the Department of Interiors is to manage the parks for the "Enjoyment of the People" and in a way that is sustainable. Your agency is understandable doing their best I believe there is room for improvement by standing up to these selfish environmental groups and using your public agency to truly benefit the public. I have visited Yellowstone Park hundreds of times over my 56 year life and I see absolutely no damage to Yellowstone Park that has been caused by the millions of visitors that enjoy it every year. Sustainability of the park means sustainability of the services that the small gateway communities provide and to ignore the needs of these communities would be very wrong.

Organization: Citizens for Balanced Use

Commenter: Kerry White **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1312 **Comment Id:** 129111 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I do not claim to be an expert in local economies and how they best serve their residents, but I do believe I understand for what purposes areas of the National Park System were established ? including Yellowstone NP. And, those purposes can be best described as preservation coupled with enjoyment that supports and promotes preservation. As long as your Yellowstone Winter Use Plan advances these purposes it will meet the tests of science, law, and the long-term public interest, and I encourage you to keep your plan focused on these purposes.

Organization: ANPR

Commenter: Johann A Ott **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1159 **Comment Id:** 128075 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose of a National Park is to preserve for the use and future use of the public. Yellowstone National Park is one of the seven wonders of the world and I see it as these organizations and groups and elected officials are trying to take away my scenery of one of those seven wonders.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Chad T Siroky **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128070 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My father taught us the National Park has long been used by motorized vehicles. That the system was to promote and provide for the use and enjoyment of the people yet, protect it's resources for future generations. He risked his life to ensure that. Since the 70's I have seen no material impact on the Park, of any kind, by snowmobile use. Two stroke and unlimited use included. Even research by the Park has indicated such. But, again, there are those who ignore such findings and resort to unscrupulous means to say otherwise.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1158 **Comment Id:** 128073 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In my opinion, Yellowstone and all National Parks, should be open to all people for their enjoyment by any means they have available and the Park System, by Congressional mandate should promote this. Aside from no off-road use, a snowmobiler should have all the freedoms any motor vehicle driver has while touring the Park, summer or winter.

Organization: US Citizen

Commenter: William J Eusterman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1156 **Comment Id:** 128054 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is both a national and worldwide treasure that has set the stage for natural resource preservation and enjoyment for nearly 150 years. As technology and understanding of natural processes continue to change, we must change with the times. But behind it all, we must keep in mind that if we don't care for the resources today, they won't be there tomorrow.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 660 **Comment Id:** 126795 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please limit snowmachines as strictly as possible: they are not in keeping with the mission of the National Park Service to preserve and protect.

Organization:

Commenter: lili simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 758 **Comment Id:** 127076 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles for the public goes against what a National Park should be. Please remove them!

Organization:

Commenter: Diane M Clark **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1065 **Comment Id:** 127771 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Park System is about promoting a visitor friendly place for everyone to share in the natural beauty of our country. At least that is my belief. I also believe the everyone includes recreationists of all types, motorized and nonmotorized. I also believe the national parks are a great place for children and adults to learn respect for each other as well as animals that call the park home.

Organization:

Commenter: Glenda Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 339 **Comment Id:** 126587 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The Park is for the "enjoyment of the people"? It does not say "for the enjoyment of the people in the early 21st century," or "for the enjoyment and profit of a few commercial interests," but for "The People" now, AND on into the unimagined future.

Organization:

Commenter: Elise M Prayzich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 781 **Comment Id:** 127143 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park is suppose to be for all the people of the country.

Organization: citizen

Commenter: Thomas F Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1554 **Comment Id:** 129082 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Those who have the privilege to live in the area should know by now that the park was created for all generations and all people. We need to keep the Yellowstone as basic as possible. There are enough people in the park year round as it is now. If it wasn't in Yellowstone in 1872 then it shouldn't be there now. As this is probably not possible, then we should make winter entrance into the park the privilege that it is even if most of us never have the opportunity. I am satisfied it is there, not that special interests want to exploit it. Also, the best available technology for machines is not enough. We need standards that call for the best technology, improving and working for the Park's environment.

Organization:

Commenter: David Whitacre **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 752 **Comment Id:** 127067 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Our national parks belong to every citizen, no matter where we live. They are not a playground for local residents. I feel they should be keep in the most natural state possible.

Organization:

Commenter: Adair D DeLamater **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1140 **Comment Id:** 127997 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It is my belief the national park system was created for the enjoyment of all; and to be used by all forms of recreationalists. I would strongly encourage you to support the continuation of

snowmobile access to YNP

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1359 **Comment Id:** 128584 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: However providing access to this sport is not in line with what the Park Service is responsible for providing. Most snowmobilers take excursions into Yellowstone for the purpose of "sledding", as opposed to taking in the natural wonders of the area. In the arrangement of allowing hundreds of snowmachines into the park, the natural features become secondary to the sport, reducing our fine park system to merely the role of 'venue' for a recreational activity. The park instead should be considered a reserve for the spectacular animal and geologic features that are not to be found elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1132 **Comment Id:** 127954 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Parks were created for the enjoyment of the people. With the current emissions technology available and under proper regulation, snowmobiling proposes very little risk to its surroundings and therefore should continue to be allowed. It is a fabulous way to enjoy the parks.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 392 **Comment Id:** 126702 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I'll watch eagerly as this comment period proceeds. "Preserve and protect"... "For the benefit and enjoyment of the people"--makes this a real challenge. Hopefully the end result will be something we are all pleased with and can live with for "generations to come".

Organization:

Commenter: Lee Sloan **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1541 **Comment Id:** 129140 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: With regard to the National Park Service mission statement, we must always be resolute about the fact that Parks were and are created for human interaction. As time passed, that human interaction has been continually reengineered with ever greater respect for the preservationist component of the Service's mission statement ("?as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."). Nonetheless, we must never forget that, as legal entities, parks exist as public domains for citizens to enjoy. The challenge of preservation is not and should never be met primarily by exclusionary policies or economic practices. Rather, the most powerful tool of protection is and has always been the modification of human behavior through education. The key to protection of not just Yellowstone's resources but, currently, those of the entire planet hinge on people understanding what is at stake and then embracing values that lead to long-term preservation as expressed through social norms and rules. However, we can only educate those who visit the Park. In considering the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, we commit ourselves to basing our decisions on science. And though science can be flawed by human biases as well it continues to stand as the best possible form of thinking with which to base our policies insofar as it is our most accurate approximator of truth. We must have the courage, our personal careers notwithstanding, to explain and defend the parks with the best science we can muster.

Organization:

Commenter: Alfred M Hanna **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1110 **Comment Id:** 127892 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Before making this decision I would hope that you would look at this for ALL sides and make a WELL THOUGHT OUT EDUCATED decision based on ACTUAL FACTS. After all the parks were created for EVERYONE to enjoy and I believe their usage is mandated correctly as it is.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark Harding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 112 **Comment Id:** 126946 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Parks were formed to protect natural ecosystems and their inhabitants from human exploitation forever.

Organization: Citizens for Planetary Health

Commenter: Bina Robinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1330 **Comment Id:** 129105 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do not claim to be an expert in local economies and how they best serve their residents, but I do believe I understand for what purposes areas of the National Park System were established ? including Yellowstone NP. And, those purposes can be best described as preservation coupled with enjoyment that supports and promotes preservation. As long as your Yellowstone Winter Use Plan advances these purposes it will meet the tests of science, law, and the long-term public interest, and I encourage you to keep your plan focused on these purposes.

Organization: ANPR

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1101 **Comment Id:** 127866 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do not think this was the intention of the people when they had Yellowstone set up as a national park, it was for the park to remain in its natural state for all to enjoy, not just for the people who enjoy it during the summer. It seems as if we keep worrying about things that are very miniscule compared to the big picture. It is like a single person who complains about something and 500 people are completely happy with how things already are, and then changing things for that single person which affects the 500 in a negative way.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 826 **Comment Id:** 127306 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Please do not take this wonderful opportunity away from future generations. The park service was mandated by Congress to "promote" and "provide for the use and enjoyment" of park resources. This is to include all visitors, not only those who come at a time when they can drive their car or hike.

Organization: Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Laura Gigstead **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1172 **Comment Id:** 128098 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Parks are supposed to be visitor friendly. The idea is for the American public to come and visit. I was hoping my children could have the same opportunity to enjoy the park by snowmobile as I have.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 395 **Comment Id:** 126725 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Yellowstone was established for the enjoyment of the people, without winter access that isn't possible. The experience on a snowmobile is much more enjoyable than being cooped up in a snowcoach although I do think they are a good option for the very young, old and those with disabilities.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 723 **Comment Id:** 126999 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose of YNP is to preserve a national resource and provide access to it for visitors. Many times 'feel good' politics ending up driving decisions, but YNP is too valuable as a national asset for that outcome.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 127001 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: These parks are not multi-use parks. They were not designed for that kind of use. IF you look at how they were founded you can see that they were not set up for that kind of recreational use. Letting recreational use like hat take palace in our parks will destroy the integrity of the national park system and why they were designed.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 127003 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Stand firm and say no to anything that jeopardizes the original intent of our national park system!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 117 **Comment Id:** 127004 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: They are also not designed for gateways to housing development or any other commercial use!!!!

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 359 **Comment Id:** 126628 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: This proposal is very understandable. I used to live in the interior of the Park as an employee. There is not a day I don't miss it. But the whole point of Yellowstone National Park is PRESERVATION. So just ask yourself, is the idea plowing the roads good for the Park or for the people. And who's going to pay for it all? Over all, this is just a BAD Idea

Organization:

Commenter: Mark S Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1046 **Comment Id:** 126284 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Hello, First I would like to say that I have never snowmobiled in the Yellowstone area. It is something I think everyone looks at as the epiphany of there snowmobiling journeys. That being said I now nor in the future have any plans to snowmobile in yellowstone. But I do believe that the original purpose of the national parks systems is to allow the beauty of our country to be enjoyed by all. If we limit times, or ways to view the beauty that has been set aside for us to enjoy, I think it goes against all reasons to have the park systems in the first place. We at times try so hard to protect the special things in our life that we are unable to enjoy them the way we should.

Organization: local Government Representative

Commenter: john annen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 141 **Comment Id:** 127584 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I believe the purpose of the National Parks is for the complete enjoyment of the public. It is not intended to be a money making monopoly for the government.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1141 **Comment Id:** 127999 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The animals wander in and out of the park boundaries through out the spring summer and fall. I believe the winter use of snowmobiles for viewing the park is consistent with the intended use when the National Park system was first established. Therefore I ask you to open the park up to those of us who enjoy snowmobiling.

Organization: WSA

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 343 **Comment Id:** 126593 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: By every consideration the act of motorized sport vehicle use in a National Park is contrary to the reasons for our Parks. And this fact is understood and supported by more than 90% of those sending comments during the past studies as well as the dozens of national public opinion polls conducted over the last 15 years.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug Colclasure **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 343 **Comment Id:** 126594 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Surely we can find a few small islands mostly preserved from the relentless roar of the ATV. Clearly our national parks should and can be one such place. Even the Assistant Regional EPA Administrator in Denver (Mr. Max Dodson) at one time directed that Snowmobiles be banned from Yellowstone for well substantiated scientific environmental reasons. Please help to protect and enhance the beauty of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks by permanently banning all snowmobiles. The park service is critically understaffed as it is. Even more distressing is having the limited number of Rangers busy managing snowmobiling when back country patrol and resource protection needs attention more than ever.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug Colclasure **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 336 **Comment Id:** 126577 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: While I acknowledge that snowmobilers have as much right to enjoy their sport as I do mine, as long as the park's mission is to preserve and protect, snowmobiles would seem ancompatible [sic] addition to the landscape.

Organization:

Commenter: Colleen Drake **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

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Correspondence Id: 321 **Comment Id:** 126453 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: In conclusion, this scoping response recognizes the EIS development will be exhaustive as to environmental impacts on Park resources and other issues. I may supplement these comments into the scoping period or as the plan evolves toward a Draft EIS. Please do not hesitate to involve me further discussions, especially as relates to Sylvan Pass Avalanche risk and policy, as I have served as a volunteer in that capacity before.

Organization:

Commenter: Don Bachman **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1510 **Comment Id:** 128436 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The noise and the exhaust stink were SO out of character to all the park embodies.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1518 **Comment Id:** 128303 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the chance to comment. We own rental property in West Yellowstone and love the park. It is extraordinary in winter and needs to be available to many more people. I find it odd that so much attention and regulation is focused on about 3% of the users who visit in winter. What about the 97% who over-run the park in the summer? They approach bison with calves, ride loud motorcycles, come in large buses emitting noxious fumes and loud noises. Cars and people jam roads

watching wildlife and all of this goes without apparent comment or concern. Why are you focusing so stringently on winter use when it is so slight compared to the rest of the year? In winter it is impossible for vehicles to leave the groomed roads without getting hopelessly bogged down in the snow berms. Most of the park is not even accessible in winter. SOUND: I believe I have read in your reports that snowcoaches are noisier than BAT snowmobiles...so why are they preferred? We have visited the park on snowmobiles with and without guides as well as by snowcoach. I must say that the only time I saw frightened buffalo was from the snowcoach. I think they are intimidated by the size and sound. When we were on the snowmobiles they ignored us. I think it is unrealistic to have more stringent sound restrictions in winter than in summer. How can you defend such discrimination? We would all love to have idyllic peacefulness around us, but this is a geologic park and needs to be available to the people who are footing the bill to support it.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1482 **Comment Id:** 128751 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Air Quality Air quality should be evaluated as part of the EIS. I would further encourage the evaluation of water quality. In particular I am concerned by impacts to water quality by hydraulic oil. Everywhere I've seen big hydraulic equipment used, such as snowcats and big farm tractors with hydrostatic drive, there has been notable leakage from seals and cylinders. This is most evident at ski areas where red snow can be seen where snowcats leaked fluids. I am suspicious that if the volume of hydraulic oil used in the Park grooming program every year was known it might amount to a notable contaminant contribution to water quality annually. Snowplows also use hydraulics to raise and lower the plow blade, but overall use dramatically less fluid since the wheels are powered by a driveshaft rather than a hydraulic pump. Similarly I expect that the air emissions of grooming equipment is notably dissimilar and worse than a truck and snowplow, especially if emissions are weighted by hours of use (groomers are slow), fuel burned (groomers are inefficient per travelled mile) and frequency of grooming (daily for groomers and only in response to snowfall with plows).

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1477 **Comment Id:** 129077 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: This is a wonderful opportunity to finalize Yellowstone's path to protection of park resources in winter while assuring that visitors are able to enjoy, learn about, and participate in the conservation of their national park. I urge you to please complete the transition to the least impacting alternative that will accomplish all of these important outcomes. Thank you, Sincerely, Whitney Angell Leonard

Organization:

Commenter: Whitney A Leonard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 154 **Comment Id:** 129311 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Protecting the profits of private businesses in West Yellowstone and other border towns is absolutely out of line. And don't just change to unlimited snowcoaches for the same reason.

Organization:

Commenter: Patricia Simmons **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1586 **Comment Id:** 129590 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team, When creating the National Park System, Congress mandated that the Park Service: (1) "promote" and "provide for the use and enjoyment" of park resources, and (2) and "leave" [the park resources] unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." These are coequal, yet sometimes conflicting, mandates that require the NPS to balance both interests when making management decisions.

Organization:

Commenter: Philip J Frankovic **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1585 **Comment Id:** 129596 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear Ms. Lewis: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this latest round of winter use planning in Yellowstone National Park (Yellowstone). I would also like to pass along my appreciation for your decision to host public open houses recently in Cheyenne and Cody. Ultimately, decisions made by the National Park Service (NPS) affect the public and local business owners relying on park visitors most directly, the decision to host two meetings in Wyoming communities was certainly appreciated.

Organization: Office of the Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 668 **Comment Id:** 126818 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: An Inuit elder once said at a conference about Global warming, that things will not change until the ice in the human heart begins to thaw. Moving from ones own integrity, acceptance of

diversity, inclusiveness, and inspiration for me are key qualities in this conversation that searches for balance

Organization: greater yellowstone coalition

Commenter: catherine shank **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1517 **Comment Id:** 128305 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My fundamental comment is that choosing a sustainable long-term winter use plan really ought to be the central consideration in each of the specific areas that you asked the public to comment on: The purpose of the plan ought to be to provide reliable access and enjoyment of the park in whatever form you can be absolutely sure complies with laws that obviously require a high level of protection of Yellowstone. I am in the business of providing access and enjoyment to visitors. However, it will hurt visitors and in turn hurt my visitor-dependent business if a court determines that access authorized in this next winter use plan is not legal. If that happens, visitors and businesses such as mine will again be unsure of the future, unable to make plans. We've had too much uncertainty of this kind over the last ten years. I know that this has been difficult for the Park Service, too, so my intent here is not to be critical ? just clear about the stakes involved.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1497 **Comment Id:** 128515 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I applaud the efforts to assure winter use in Yellowstone protects the resource and serves the public.

Organization:

Commenter: Scott D Carsley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1483 **Comment Id:** 128678 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team: I am writing on behalf of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) regarding the scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process. We are hopeful you will give the following comments consideration as you work toward the development of a full range of alternatives for the EIS GENERAL INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS It seems this may be an appropriate time for the National Park Service to look back at the successes and failures that have come from past proposals and actions in the development of a new Winter Use Plan.

Organization: American Council of Snowmobile Associations

Commenter: Christine Jourdain **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1483 **Comment Id:** 128695 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process. We would welcome the opportunity to visit with the planning staff about any of the concepts we have suggested or issues we have raised. Sincerely, Christine Jourdain Executive Director

Organization: American Council of Snowmobile Associations

Commenter: Christine Jourdain **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1473 **Comment Id:** 128798 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The use of BAT snowmobiles, produced by the snowmobile manufacturers has helped to provide the appropriate balancing of the dual statutory purposes of the parks, which are to ensure resource conservation as well as support visitor use and enjoyment

Organization: International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

Commenter: Edward J Klim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128909 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am not sure that every location in the National Park System should be easily accessible at all times.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1469 **Comment Id:** 128919 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: 7) Does YNP need to be heavily impacted in the winter?

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1450 **Comment Id:** 128176 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Also, keeping things the way they are will turn my town - West Yellowstone into a ghost town for the most part of the year.

Organization:

Commenter: Agata Morrill **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 632 **Comment Id:** 126760 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park must be protected forever for it is a magical place, and the wildlife needs to be at peace while wintering.

Organization:

Commenter: Carla Kelly **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1400 **Comment Id:** 128737 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: In closing, I know that you will do you the best job you can with this process. We have all learned a lot this past 8 years. I am confident that you will have alternatives that make sense and will pick a preferred alternative that is in the best interest of the visitor, allowing maximum visitation without harming the resources in Yellowstone. Thanks for "listening". Brad Schmier

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1292 **Comment Id:** 128230 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The National Park Service has embarrassed itself by repeatedly delaying implementation of a science based winter use plan .It is obvious that the NPS has allowed itself to be politicized . Implementing reductions in snowmobile use offers the NPS an opportunity to redeem itself and give the public what it clearly wants . Please do so without further delay .

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 393 **Comment Id:** 126704 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: How about using some common sense when writing these regulations. Also, please take advice only from people who have actually been to the park and have seen first hand the impact (or lack thereof) of snowmobiles. Someone from the Northeast that has never been to the park in Winter, but simply belongs to an environmental organization, is not qualified or in any position to make relevant observations about snowmobile impact.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1524 **Comment Id:** 128268 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: OTHER: I have read some things which concern me about park employees having their own agendas in regard to park policy. I hope this is not true. It is most important that your objectives are not driven by any political, environmental or other agendas. This park is a wonderful place, it belongs to the people of America and is paid for by them as you are paid by them. Every effort needs to be made to enhance their access and enjoyment and to preserve the gateway communities that support it. The more people who come in the winter, the more who will love it's unique beauty and will work to support and defend it.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128275 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: .Director Mary A. Bowmar, in her written responses to questions poses by members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources that are a supplement to her nomination hearing record on September 21, 2006, was asked by our late Senator Craig Thomas about how she felt about snowmobiles in YNP and Grand Teton and whether she would ever support a ban. She responded, "With regard to snowmobiles, we have seen over the past two winters that they may be operated without unacceptable impacts to park resources and visitors through the use of best available technology requirement, limits on the number of snowmobiles that may enter the parks each day, guiding requirements, and other reasonable restrictions." Regardless of whether the terminology was correct, Director Bowmar's statements were made under the 2004 temporary rule that had been in effect over the "past two winters" and this rule allowed 720 snowmachines per day. What more needs to be said. The 2004 temporary rule numbers of 720 snowmachines per day are defensible!!

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1523 **Comment Id:** 128276 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Cody, Park County and Yellowstone National Park (YNP) have had a good working relationship for many years. There has been good give and take on important issues and mutual respect has been offered and received a majority of the time. However, since 1992 I have witnessed the shaping and implementation of Park Service winter use policies that have had devastating impacts on North Fork and Park County businesses. The Sylvan Pass Study Group worked hard to come up with solutions to keeping Sylvan Pass open in the winter and I commend Suzanne Lewis and her staff in this effort and this work must be honored and improved upon. Yellowstone Park must stay open to oversnow vehicles in the winter.

Organization: Wyoming Legislature

Commenter: Colin Simpson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 518 **Comment Id:** 126473 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snow coaches give rangers an opportunity to educate these visitors and turn them into ambassadors for wildlife instead of stressing them by riding them down with snowmobiles in a misguided attempt to "be close" with wildlife.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1503 **Comment Id:** 128458 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: My second greatest concern is misguided environmental groups. They are spending their time arguing about snowcoaches vs. snowmobiles, when really they should be looking at Oversnow vs. plowing. The whole thing about snowmobiles being so much worse than snowcoaches (at least the present snowcoaches) is ludicrous at best. The Snowcoach only movement is absurd, and it is very sad they have such huge mailing lists. I hope the EIS will not be swayed by a thousand post cards of people supporting an organization, not the best plan for Yellowstone.

Organization:

Commenter: Maureen R Edgerton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1502 **Comment Id:** 128466 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear National Park Service, Please accept the following comments on behalf of Friends of Pathways on the Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Scoping statement issued in January 2010. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments at the Scoping phase. Our comments are intended to help the National Park Service develop a lasting and successful Winter Use Plan that will not only address motorized use, but which will also serve the legitimate needs of non-motorized visitors, including those with disabilities, while protecting the park's wonderful resources. Friends of Pathways is a non-profit organization based in Jackson, Wyoming. Friends of Pathways (FOP) was founded in 1994, and today has grown to over 1,200 members. We are a community advocate for bicycling, walking, and Nordic trails, and a well-respected partner with government agencies for projects of mutual interest. We work to enhance and connect the communities and public lands in and around the Jackson and Yellowstone region by promoting safe and convenient non-motorized transportation and recreation facilities and programs, which specifically includes programs and support for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, snow-bicycling, and winter walking.

Organization: Friends of Pathways

Commenter: Tim Young **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 780 **Comment Id:** 127137 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: -18-10 To whom this letter concerns: I am a 15 year old student attending West Yellowstone High School and this is my opinion on the parks winter use. I'm for not plowing the roads in the park in the winter because with the park roads plowed snowmobiles couldn't go into the park. Snowmobiles unable to go into the park would hurt a lot of small businesses. My single supporting mother would be hurt in making money. Business owners would have to close down for the winter, putting single parents out of work . If you ask people why they come to Yellowstone, they say we're here to see Old Faithful and the wild life. Snowmobiling is one of only two ways of getting into the park to see the wild life and Old Faithful. Because of the decreased numbers of snowmobiles allowed in the park the cost of renting a snowmobile went up so the number of tourists fell dramatically. I can even do the math. In my opinion snowmobiling in the park has become something for the rich people. This just doesn't work. The park is for everyone. For the people who are worried about the pollution, look back at the sleds we had when 2 strokes were allowed in the park. The sleds were bad back than and now we have 4 strokes that are cleaner and eco- friendly, there fore, we should allow more than 118 sleds into the park daily at the west entrance. This will bring the cost of renting a sled down and bring more people to Yellowstone. For these reasons, we would be able to afford it and it would help the towns economy. Thank you, Jacob Moss

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 140 **Comment Id:** 129505 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I urge those associated with this decision making process to carefully consider the real impact of limiting visitor use in Yellowstone National Park. I agree that the unique wonders of Yellowstone must be preserved, but it must be done in such a way that people can still experience them. Protecting soundscapes and air quality are only of benefit if people can still enjoy them. Creating a human-free zone is unnatural; humans are as much a part of the environment as other wildlife and flora.

Organization:

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Correspondence Id: 1451 **Comment Id:** 128174 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: To whom it may concern, I'm a high school teacher that travels to Island Park every winter to ride snowmobiles in that area. My family all enjoy snowmobiling and look forward to the park. I'm writing this letter of protest to any additional closures of snowmobile access in that area. The economy in that area is already hurting due to increased regulation in recreational snowmobiling. Further regulation will only force snowmobilers to go elsewhere. Thanks, John Aberasturi

Organization:

Commenter: John Aberasturi **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1432 **Comment Id:** 129062 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In this latest round of Winter Use planning, I encourage you to emphasize protection of wildlife, air quality, and natural soundscape. Please consider a view of the winter as a 'recovery period' for the Park from the deluge of summer human visitors. Please also consider the location and natural constraints -- this is one of the coldest places in the West, in a region with sparse support for human comforts and safety. Providing 'universal access' is not very realistic, and indicates a notion that places should be made to serve humans. Is it wise to attract large numbers of people to Yellowstone in winter? Do urban dwellers understand the perils of cold and high elevation that they will encounter in Yellowstone; or the fact that they can be many hours away from hospitals and airports, particularly in winter storms? I think it is realistic to realize that not every place should be accessible to every human, even if this is possible in the 21st century and there is enough money to muscle into it. Please consider the view that Yellowstone in deep winter is not a suitable place for 'universal access'.

Organization:

Commenter: Debra Patla **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1570 **Comment Id:** 129289 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: During this scoping process we would like to propose several alternatives that would allow more of the public to enjoy Yellowstone with the choice of over-snow vehicles and at the same time return a viable winter economy to the community. We suggest increasing the limits on snowmobiles and snowcoaches to the maximum sustainable levels that can be supported by scientific studies. Please consider a Flexible Daily Snowmobile Limit with increased limits and flexibility as follows:

Organization: Park County Commissioners

Commenter: Martin Malone **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1566 **Comment Id:** 129265 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), I submit the following scoping comments on winter use management in Yellowstone National Park. Despite over thirteen years of effort and cost, the National Park Service (NPS) has not yet produced a winter use management plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that has survived legal challenge. It is now embarking on what will be a fourth EIS in order to try to craft a plan that will guide the winter use management of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) for the foreseeable future. AWI strongly encourages the NPS to embrace this opportunity by taking a fresh look at all of the relevant issues, data, evidence, and perspectives on this matter so as to increase the likelihood of a scientifically sound and legally defensible position while minimizing the chance of the need for a fifth winter use EIS.

Organization: Animal Welfare Institute

Commenter: D.J. Schubert **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 720 **Comment Id:** 126995 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Our national parks serve as retreats from the stresses of modern life. They are refuges from air and noise pollution.

Organization:

Commenter: Beth R Franks **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 583 **Comment Id:** 127211 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowcoaches allow visitors of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience Yellowstone in winter, and to date snowcoaches also provide access at significantly lower cost than equivalent snowmobiles trips.

Organization:

Commenter: Richard Stanley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1593 **Comment Id:** 129886 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Winter should also have clean air.

Organization: Sierra Club

Commenter: Edwina Allen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1559 **Comment Id:** 129333 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team: I am writing on behalf of the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Please give the following comments and suggestions serious consideration as you develop a full range of alternative for this EIS.

Organization: Wyoming State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Jeff Moberg **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1553 **Comment Id:** 129003 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Please eliminate snowmobiles from Yellowstone NP. Do not encourage gasoline-consuming forms of recreation in our treasured parks. Also limit snow coaches to 12 per day. It is ludicrous that fossil-fueled modes of recreation are allowed at all.

Organization:

Commenter: Amy Smith **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 153 **Comment Id:** 128369 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: The intense summer use of the park only increases the need for an annual recovery for the flora, fauna and natural wonders housed in the Yellowstone basin.

Organization: Colorado Mountain Club

Commenter: Tom A Gordon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1531 **Comment Id:** 129378 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: North Fork Corridor There are nine guest ranches, a downhill ski area, and three lodging/food/gift shop operations along the highway that leads from Cody to the East Entrance along the North Fork of the Shoshone River. The downhill ski area, Sleeping Giant, reopened for the 2009/2010 winter season after a five year hiatus. One snowmobile concessionaire operated through the East Entrance in 2009/2010, and this business is also located on the North Fork. In the past, one snow coach concessionaire has operated out of Pahaska Teepee, near the East Entrance, but this concessionaire did not operate during the 2009/2010 winter season. In addition, a volunteer group of Nordic skiers maintains a popular set of ski trails around Pahaska Teepee and Sleeping Giant as far as the East Entrance. With the reopening of the downhill ski area, winter use on the North Fork increased. This first season, the area was open Friday through Monday, and welcomed hundreds of people per weekend. Although the majority of skiers were Cody residents, there was a slight increase in traffic from the Billings, Montana area, as well as the Big Horn Basin. Nordic skiers now have miles of trails that run from Pahaska Teepee into the surrounding forest, along the river to Sleeping Giant, and up the road to the East Entrance. It is not only skiing that attracts visitors: the North Fork Corridor is an outstanding winter wildlife viewing location where visitors can see bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, and a variety of eagles and hawks.

Organization: Cody Country Chamber of Commerce

Commenter: Kim Jones Tim Mahieu **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128654 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As you begin this process, we want to express our respect and gratitude for the expertise and dedication that is being brought to bear by the National Park Service in this new process. We have disagreed, of course, with recent winter-use decisions as have many others who hold, as we do, admiration for the national parks and those who serve as the parks' stewards. Had these decisions endured, we believe they would have eroded the high ideals and standards NPS has sustained for generations. We also believe that the National Park Service was not empowered by the prior administration to manage Yellowstone in accordance with law, science, and the long-term public interest. As a result of NPS's renewed commitment to these fundamental principles, we are again hopeful about the future of Yellowstone and the entire National Park System.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128655 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: We look forward to working with you throughout this process, and offer here the

suggestions and information we believe most essential to the development of a sustainable winter use plan. We address, first, the important framework established by Director Jarvis for the present process a framework that should be reflected in the agency's statements of purpose, need, and objectives. Second, we discuss additional specific issues that we believe should be addressed in NPS's environmental analysis and decision.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128659 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As evidenced by the failure of the prior administration's snowmobiling regulations, "accurate fidelity to the law" is essential to the viability of the agency's long-term winter use plan for Yellowstone. Ultimately, the fundamental purpose of NPS's winter-use planning process must align with "the fundamental purpose of the national park system" under the Organic Act that is, "conserv[ing] park resources and values." (Greater Yellowstone Coalition v. Kempthorne, 577 F. Supp. 2d 183, 192 (D.D.C. 2008) (citing Management Policies § 1.4.3); see also, e.g., 16 U.S.C. §§ 1, 1a-1, 22.) Thus, in the words of the agency's Management Policies, NPS's environmental analysis must determine which of the available alternatives will, among other things, only "allow impacts to park resources and values when necessary and appropriate to fulfill the purposes of [the] park" (Management Policies § 1.4.3); "avoid, or to minimize to the greatest extent practicable, adverse impacts on park resources and values" (Management Policies § 1.4.3); "perpetuate the best possible air quality in [the] park[]" (Management Policies § 4.7.1); "preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the natural soundscapes of [the] park[]" (Management Policies § 4.9); and utilize "the least impacting equipment, vehicles, and transportation systems ? , consistent with public and employee safety" (Management Policies § 8.2.3). A winter use plan that seeks only to avoid impairment or unacceptable impacts will not satisfy these standards. (Management Policies § 1.4.3.) Accordingly, the National Park Service's environmental analysis must evaluate each of the alternatives to determine which best meets the resource protection provisions of the Organic Act and the Management Policies, not merely the Policies' unacceptable impacts provision.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128664 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In stating that "[t]he purpose of the [Park Service's new environmental impact statement] is to establish a management framework that allows the public to experience Yellowstone's unique winter resources and values" (75 Fed. Reg. at 4,843), NPS has accordingly taken an important and laudable step toward the establishment of a sustainable winter use plan. To ensure that its long-term winter use plan is characterized by "accurate fidelity to the law" (Scoping News Release), however, the agency should further refine its statements of purpose and objectives in a manner that explicitly requires compliance with the Organic Act, NPS Management Policies, and other governing

mandates, as discussed above.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128669 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: C. The National Park Service's Analysis and Decision Must Be Consistent with the Long-Term Public Interest Finally, Director Jarvis's emphasis on "the long-term public interest" is itself commendable. (Scoping News Release.) Yellowstone National Park affords its visitors the "unique" opportunity to experience deep quiet, clean air, and undisturbed wildlife a largely untouched landscape. (See 75 Fed. Reg. at 4,843.) By considering both available means of access and trends in vehicle performance, as discussed in greater detail below, NPS can ensure that Yellowstone's resources and values are conserved for this and future generations.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1492 **Comment Id:** 128670 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: II. Specific Issues for Consideration in the National Park Service's Environmental Impact Statement and Winter Use Plan In order to ensure that its long-term winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park is "consistent with the NPS mission, best available sound science, accurate fidelity to the law, and the long-term public interest" (Scoping News Release), the National Park Service should address a number of specific concerns that have arisen as a result of prior planning processes and more recent developments. We summarize a number of these concerns below.

Organization: CNPSR et al

Commenter: Jon Catton **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1465 **Comment Id:** 128815 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Ms. Lewis; Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this latest round of winter use planning in Yellowstone National Park (Yellowstone). I would also like to pass along my appreciation for your decision to host public open houses recently in Cheyenne and Cody. Ultimately, decisions made by the National Park Service (NPS) affect the public and local business owners relying on park visitors most directly, the decision to host two meetings in Wyoming communities was certainly appreciated.

Organization: Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1465 **Comment Id:** 128883 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments on this latest round of planning. I appreciate the opportunity to participate as a cooperating agency and comment on the Winter Use EIS. Other Wyoming state agencies will be providing comments on the EIS. Those comments are incorporated herein by this reference. My staff and I look forward to continuing to work alongside the NPS on this very important document. I certainly understand the difficult balance that you must strike and am committed to developing a proper range of alternatives and arriving at a thoughtful and defensible course forward.

Organization: Governor, State of Wyoming

Commenter: Dave Freudenthal **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 483 **Comment Id:** 129113 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I am very concerned about the negative impacts motorized vehicles, especially snowmobiles have caused in Yellowstone National Park. The impacts should be minimized as much and as soon as possible. Please phase snowmobiles out of Yellowstone Park. Snowcoaches offer a far better alternative for winter use.

Organization:

Commenter: Deborah Thomas **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 612 **Comment Id:** 126742 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: the park was formed to enjoy the beauty of the wilderness and its silence.

Organization: greateryellowstonecoalition

Commenter: michael j reeb **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 472 **Comment Id:** 129189 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone is a very unique place. Lets keep it that way and restrict vehicles to the pavement and not in the back country. I believe that people should experience Yellowstone but not destroy it.

Organization:

Commenter: Larry G Wright **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1576 **Comment Id:** 129606 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: March 29, 2010 WER 6136 National Park Service Environmental Impact Statement Winter Use Plan, Yellowstone National Park Park and Teton Counties Yellowstone National Park John Sacklin Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone NP, WY 82190 Dear Mr. Sacklin: The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has reviewed the environmental impact statement for the Winter Use Plan, Yellowstone National Park. We have no terrestrial wildlife or aquatic concerns pertaining to the Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, John Emmerich

Organization: Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Commenter: John Emmerich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128890 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Department: Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter as part of your scoping process for the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for winter use in Yellowstone National Park. We understand that you have a difficult job ahead of you and are ready to work with you as needed as this process moves forward. The West Yellowstone Economic Development Council Inc. (WYED) is a non-profit organization based in West Yellowstone. We are a mission-based membership organization. Our mission is: The West Yellowstone Economic Development Council, Inc. (WYED) is a non-profit organization created for the primary purpose of creating a healthier and more vibrant economy as well as a revitalized community in West Yellowstone, Montana and the surrounding Hebgen Lake Basin. WYED works toward this goal by coordinating economic development planning and assisting with the implementation of innovative projects in the community, by assisting local government as a resource in planning public works and administering of public and private investments and by coordinating research, planning and advisory functions appropriate to the attainment of its objectives. Through these activities, we will assist in the natural and timely evolution of our economy by creating and nourishing successful long-term partnerships with public and private entities for the benefit of our community.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1458 **Comment Id:** 128901 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Moving forward, WYED encourages the NPS to pursue a path that allows for the highest number of daily visitors that is sustainable while balancing visitor access, resource protection, and the least amount of litigation possible. Ultimately, it is not the job of WYED to create Park policy as we are an economic development organization. We believe it is our job, however, to support creative options that may lead to better economic outcomes than the current status quo. The caveat is that these options remain faithful to a balanced use of resources.

Organization: West Yellowstone Economic Development Inc.

Commenter: Glenn Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1449 **Comment Id:** 129048 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I feel the previous actions of restriction and this impact statement intent is purely politically charged with absolutely no scientific relevance or honest park preservation intent.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1429 **Comment Id:** 129069 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Ending Impairment of Park Values An interim rule is in effect for the seasons 2009-10 and 2010-11, with a limit of 318 snowmobiles and 78 snowcoach trips per day. This is well below the peak daily snowmobile counts from the previous three seasons: 542 snowmobiles in 2006-07, 557 snowmobiles in 2007-08, and 427 in 2008-09. Under the interim rule, snowmobiles are allowed to enter the park only in groups accompanied by a commercial guide. The only snowmobiles allowed are models that comply with "best available technology" (BAT) for emissions and noise defined by the National Park Service. Most snowmobiles in Yellowstone are those operated by concessioners based in gateway communities such as West Yellowstone or by the park lodge concessioner, Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Even under the interim rule, monitoring by NPS has found continuing concerns, including snowmobile noise exceeding Yellowstone protective thresholds several hours per day, benzene and formaldehyde at levels exceeding health thresholds, and traffic-related pressure on wildlife. We believe the impacts are unacceptable because they impair essential values of the parks. Replacing snowmobiles with equivalent snowcoach capacity will open more opportunities for the public to enter Yellowstone in winter, because snowcoaches produce less noise and less pollution per rider.

Organization: Maryland Ornithological Society

Commenter: Kurt R Schwarz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1428 **Comment Id:** 129012 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, representing our 2,000 members, continues our history of participation in the development of a winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park. We have pushed for a plan that relies upon the best available science to determine the critical policy decisions in this management tool. Please accept our comments for consideration on this ongoing issue.

Organization: Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance

Commenter: Louise Lasley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1428 **Comment Id:** 129029 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The resources of YNP cannot be replicated or found elsewhere, employee health is not a bargaining chip, and the wildlife found here should not be sacrificed for the recreational benefits of the public. The Conservation Alliance believes that YNP, one of the country's greatest treasures, deserves policy determined by the most rigorous science and not marketing reports. Thank you for including our comments in your scoping process. We look forward to reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Organization: Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance

Commenter: Louise Lasley **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1423 **Comment Id:** 128828 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Finally, the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. ("CAA") also provides that federal land managers are to "assume an aggressive role in protecting the air quality values of land areas under his jurisdiction" and to "err on the side of protecting the air quality-related values for future generations." The CAA also requires the prevention of any future impairment and the remedying of any existing impairment in federal Class I areas, which include Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

Organization: Rock the Earth

Commenter: Marc A Ross **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1214 **Comment Id:** 129129 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: I am writing, regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Please give the following comments and suggestions serious consideration as you develop a full range of alternatives for this EIS. Now more than ever, it is clear that the National Park Service needs to step back, get out of the box, and assess past successes and failures to, hopefully, build a new Winter Use Plan that is

acceptable to both managers and the public while being sustainable for the resources.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 778 **Comment Id:** 127126 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It appears your proposed regulations go against the Congress of the US reasons for having a National Park System. I really think you know what I mean without me wasting time on the subject.

Organization:

Commenter: Wayne R Grim **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1418 **Comment Id:** 128785 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: The scoping information referenced several Plan Objectives, including those related to Visitor Use. One Plan Objective is: "Provide opportunities that are universally accessible." I support this objective because many snowmobilers use snowmobiles for access and recreation because they are physically unable to snowshoe or ski. But I am concerned that the Objective may be interpreted as meaning ALL opportunities should be universally accessible. Such an approach would be like requiring ALL hiking trails in the Park be universally accessible. Also, your analysis should consider that snowmobiles are chosen as a preferred recreation modality by many of the elderly and the handicapped.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 950 **Comment Id:** 128059 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: At least once every winter we schedule a trip into Yellowstone for cross-country skiing. The first trip we rented snowmobiles from West Yellowstone. The endless noise, the constant odor of exhaust fumes and the pall of smog significantly degraded what should have been a memorable and positive experience. There were visitors racing up and down the roads and the area around Old Faithful looked very much like Sturgis during the August motorcycle rally. By contrast our most recent trip under the current policy was very positive; we traveled on the snow coaches and the noise and pollution of the snow mobiles was reduced to what, in my perception, was modest and did not significantly interfere with the sense of wonder that Yellowstone provides.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna S Rankin **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 442 **Comment Id:** 128641 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I'm writing as a Montana native and a former winter season employee at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1186 **Comment Id:** 128137 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Some background information: I grew up approximately 80 miles south of Yellowstone in Sublette County. I have been on a guided tour as well as had relatives who have worked in the industry.

Organization:

Commenter: Wade N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1374 **Comment Id:** 128577 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As you undertake this new planning process I ask that you give high priority to producing a winter use plan that is environmentally sound and above all maximizes the preservation of park wildlife, air quality, water quality, soundscapes, and scenery

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129092 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: March 26, 2010 Delivered via U.S. Mail and electronically via <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell> Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Scoping P.O. Box 168 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 RE: Scoping Comments ? Yellowstone Winter Use Dear Superintendent Lewis: Please accept these comments to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to address long-term management of winter use in Yellowstone National Park (the "NOI"). These comments are submitted on behalf of our clients the BlueRibbon Coalition, the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, and the Montana Snowmobile Association. These

comments are independent of, and in addition to, any comments submitted by these organizations, their member clubs/businesses, and individual members, and the Park Service must separately consider all such comments.

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1313 **Comment Id:** 129101 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Again, it is essential that these components be included or meaningfully addressed in one or more action alternatives in the EIS. We appreciate this opportunity to continue participating in the planning process. We remain committed to defending reasonable snowmobile access to the Park. Sincerely, MOORE, SMITH, BUXTON & TURCKE, CHTD /s/ Paul A. Turcke Paul A. Turcke /PAT: cam

Organization: BlueRibbon Coalition; Idaho State Snowmobile Ass'n; Montana Snowmobile Ass'n

Commenter: Paul A Turcke **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 407 **Comment Id:** 128413 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: In the winter of 2010, the park will close on March 16 and not open again for an entire month to any kind of vehicular traffic. If the road were plowed all year round, the gate could be open all year round. People could come see Old Faithful 365 days a year. Yellowstone already allows access of this kind. It is done on the corridor between Mammoth and Cooke City, going through the beautiful Lamar valley. The corridor from West to Old Faithful is no less beautiful, and to many that seek the thermal features of Yellowstone, geysers access all year round would be to them what being able to scope wolves all year round is to folks in the Lamar Valley. Winter wonderland.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1160 **Comment Id:** 128080 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose of a National Park is to preserve for the use and future use of the public. Yellowstone National Park is one of the seven wonders of the world and I see it as these organizations and groups and elected officials are trying to take away my scenery of one of those seven wonders. Of course anyone could go see the park in the summer but, as a true Wyoming resident for all my life, why would anyone want to go do that when the traffic is so jam packed with buses upon buses and the crazy people stopping pretty much right on the side of the road, blocking traffic, trying to touch this massive animal they have never seen before? The true beauty of Yellowstone is clearly visible in the

winter and more notably from the seat of a snowmobile. A stage coach is a small step to enjoying the park in the winter because your still inside a warm bus out of the elements and some guide is feeding you full of facts. The true vision is from behind the handelbars of a snowmobile where one can go whatever speed you wish (within the confines of the law) and can feel free to reall take in the vastness and crispness of real mountain air. The majority of the new two-stroke snowmobiles coming out meet and exceed the 2012 emission standards which is better than the majority of all four-strokes, which i why i see no need for the law stating that only four-stroke snowmobiles may enter the park. I am going to refer to summer again because if anyone has actually ever been to Yellowstone (not the congressman that push laws on the people trying to enjoy the park within reason that have never even set foot in Wyoming, but the people that have actually been there winter and summer alike) in the summer it is so congested with the buses and random vehicles that I would say the

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Chad T Siroky **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 144 **Comment Id:** 129504 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Scope the new EIS so that if approved it will support a management plan consistent with the above comments.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 120 **Comment Id:** 127006 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: National Parks should be places where we can enjoy wild life and beautiful wilderness in peace.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1299 **Comment Id:** 128242 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I do appreciate all the hard work you have done as it must be a terrible burdon with so many trying to influence you, as I understand it when congress started the NPS it was mandated to make access for all to share this wonderful place.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark W Porter **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1573 **Comment Id:** 129299 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As the manager of Class I areas in both Grant Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, the National Park Service has an affirmative responsibility to protect air quality related values, including visibility over these lands. 42 U.S.C. 7475 (d)(1)(B); see also 42 U.S.C. 7401 (b)(1) (stating that the purposes of the clean Air Act are "to protect and enhance the quality of the Nation's air resources so as to promote the public health and welfare?"); 42 U.S.C. 4720(2), 7491 (a)(1) (directing that air quality in protected landscapes and air sheds be protected). The goal established by the Clean Air Act is that "any future" impairment of visibility must be prevented and that "any existing" impairment of visibility must be remedied. 42 U.S.C. 7491 (a)(1) (emphasis added). Specifically, air quality must be "preserve[ed], protect[ed], and enhance[ed] in protected landscapes like wilderness areas or National Parks, and the "affirmative responsibility" imposed on the Park Service for these prevention of significant deterioration areas is to "protect" them, not to allow them to be incrementally degraded. ID 7470 (2), 7475(d)(1)(B).

Organization: Wyoming Outdoor Council

Commenter: Lisa McGee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1555 **Comment Id:** 129079 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To Whom It May Concern: Living in Jackson for over 30 years, I have been following this very important park issue from the "get go" and feel I have listened to all sides as several presentations. Especially winter in Yellowstone has a seldom found majestic quietness which is much of the beauty to be experienced and is seldom experienced elsewhere.

Organization:

Commenter: Link Hebbard **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 889 **Comment Id:** 127678 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The main issues in the Park Winter Plan are (1) environmental impact, (2) animal management and (3) motorized vehicle emissions. The Winter Plan leaves out a very important element. Part of the equation in the Winter Plan should be the impact on the visiting American citizens and visitors. Are the Park Service and the special interest groups aware of how much it costs for a one or two day trip into the Park during the winter or summer? From the cost of driving to Yellowstone National Park, food, motel room and entry fees. I am a senior citizen and appreciate my Senior Park Pass. What is the Park Service doing to reach out to the young people, young married couples with children and people on fixed income? Charging over one hundred dollars to have a guide to take you to Old Faithful is ridiculous and out right robbery on the visitors. How many people in prior years have

been reported lost between the West Yellowstone Park Gate to Old Faithful? This stinks of politics?

Organization:

Commenter: William E Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 889 **Comment Id:** 127681 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Special interest groups are destroying our Parks and pricing young families, young people, families and people on fixed incomes from visiting the Park. It is called, "YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK" not a "SELECTED NATIONAL PARK FOR THE FEW".

Organization:

Commenter: William E Arnado **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 751 **Comment Id:** 127066 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If it makes any difference, I am a biologist with a MS in Forest Sciences and have worked in the Greater Yellowstone in the past. I also grew up in the Rockies and have been visiting Yellowstone NP in winter and summer since I was three years old.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1138 **Comment Id:** 127985 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Cherish the earth and the land that we have here to enjoy. National parks are part of the identity of this wonderful nation. Trying to limit the activities that take place there that do not cause harm to the environment is the beginning of losing them altogether. Once no one is coming to the parks, then why bother to maintain them for visitors. It will only be a matter of time before the parks are closed for monetary reasons with the argument that they are not being utilized.

Organization: Hamburg Snowmobile Club

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 644 **Comment Id:** 126773 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: WE VISIT YELLOWSTONE EACH WINTER AS OUR FAMILY VACATION.

THE QUITE, THE BEAUTY, THE JOY OF MEETING LIKE MINDED PEOPLE WHO APPRICIATED THE ART OF PATIENT OBSERVATION DRAWS US THERE. PLEASE PROTECT AND RESPECT THESE NATIONAL TREASURES TO KEEP THEM WILD AND SPECIAL. THERE ARE SO FEW REMAINING ! I COULD CONTINUE TO WRITE FOR PAGES ABOUT MY FAMILYS DEEP LOVE AND CONCERN FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIROMENTIAL ISSUES, BUT THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR= MANY PEOPLE REALLY CARE

Organization: Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commenter: marcia maroon **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1129 **Comment Id:** 127944 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Our North American parks throughout the rockies are a one of kind resource that should be preserved and respected for many years. I am an avid outdoors enthusiast enjoying what ever nature has to offer, I feel it is one way we can grow as a person and learn to respect nature's vulnerability.

Organization: snowwest

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127713 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The purpose and need statement are generally on target, but a few changes will improve the Plan Objectives. These changes are:

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1109 **Comment Id:** 127885 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am an avid snowmobiler and generally an out doors adventurist type person. I also live on and maintain a family farm that has been in existence for over 100 years. I am a "Steward of the land" and I have been for nearly 40years. In that time I have witnessed the neverending erosion of prime agricultural land in lieu of urban sprawl. I have also witnessed the persistent migration of urban dwellers to the rural areas in search of all the wonders they have displaced from what use to be "natural habitat" that they themselves were at least partially responsible for undermining. Now it seems as though a similar group of individuals has taken it upon themselves to decide what is good for the dwellers of the natural environment and seek to have all motorized access to these areas curtailed. Thus the only presence in the wild would be that of humans on foot!!! I suspect they did not walk to nature though and more than likely used some sort of motorized transport to get there. The one thing I

have always been amazed with in all my years of living amid creatures in nature is that they have a natural morbid fear of humans. Not the vehicles they arrived in or on, but the humans themselves. In fact many nature dwellers have found ways of using motorized transport to their advantage, ie. roadside ditches with planted grass and cutlines through forests, packed trails through the snow and of course the endless amounts of refuse left behind by all humans that would provide sustenance for most scavengers that would seek it out. Close the parks to humans? Why then even have a park? Are parks not there for all to enjoy, or just for the ones that paved over their own patch of this earth? Police motorized access if you must but let everyone have a chance to enjoy the wilderness and not just those who choose to walk in it.

Organization:

Commenter: Craig s Gudmundson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1462 **Comment Id:** 128960 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Park access for all is why Yellowstone was established. Thank you for the opportunity to voice individual personal comments, and I urge the Park Service to consider this when drafting the permanent winter use plan for Yellowstone National Park.

Organization:

Commenter: Janna Turner **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 164 **Comment Id:** 129488 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: NEPA requires Federal Agencies to establish the need for the subject action. In this case, the NPS must justify why they feel the need to limit the approximately 250,000 winter visitors rather than the nearly 4 million summer visitors. Failure to do so constitutes an arbitrary and capricious decision. For example, if the NPS asserts that it is necessary to protect the winter soundscape by limiting snowmobiles/snowcoaches, they must justify why they do not also propose limiting summer travel for the same purpose. Choosing to limit one visitor segment without applying similar standards and requirements to other visitor segments constitutes an arbitrary and capricious and fundamentally unfair decision.

Organization: Montana Snowmobile Association

Commenter: Dan Thompson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 339 **Comment Id:** 126585 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: It is, admittedly, much better since "free wheeling" solo snowmobiles have been banned from the Park, and only guided groups allowed. Off-road use, harassing of wildlife and

irresponsible behavior have been all-but eliminated. However, the noise pollution problem remains, as does air pollution ? despite the mandatory use of "best available technology."

Organization:

Commenter: Elise M Prayzich **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 338 **Comment Id:** 126584 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Greed is not good.

Organization:

Commenter: Heather Anderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1263 **Comment Id:** 129119 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: As NPS finalizes Yellowstone's winter use plan, I urge your choice of the least impacting alternative that will maximize quiet winter experiences and protect natural resources and thus enhance public visitation and understanding of the special place that is Yellowstone. Thank you for accepting this comment, Rebecca Richards

Organization: Winter Wildland Alliance

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 788 **Comment Id:** 127161 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I had the pleasure of attending the National Park Service's public meeting at the Old Post Office Pavilion in Washington DC on March 17. I will submit detailed comments at a later date. At this point I only want to thank the park employees and Superintendent Lewis for the informative presentation and for the opportunity to ask questions of park staff. My questions were all answered, and I learned a lot about the issues of winter use in Yellowstone. Thanks to all concerned.

Organization:

Commenter: George Alderson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 8 **Comment Id:** 126981 **Coder's Initials:** JEFFREY_GUTIERREZ

Comment Text: Please don't base your decision on what the W. Yellowstone chamber of commerce

wants. The park was not established for the profits on any business.

Organization:

Commenter: Dean Savage **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1573 **Comment Id:** 129297 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Yellowstone NP planning team, Please accept the following scoping comments on behalf of the Wyoming Outdoor Council regarding winter use in Yellowstone National Park. Founded in 1967, the Wyoming Outdoor Council is a statewide, non-profit conservation organization dedication to protecting Wyoming's environmental and quality of life for future generations

Organization: Wyoming Outdoor Council

Commenter: Lisa McGee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1573 **Comment Id:** 129298 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As we described in comments submitted in November 2008, much of the work of the Wyoming Outdoor Council in recent years has focused on the expanding oil and gas development occurring across the state and its adverse impacts to our public lands, wildlife and air and water quality. As a result, we have not been as actively involved with the issue of over-snow vehicle use in Yellowstone National Park as we had been in past years. At this time, however, because air quality in the southern part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) has emerged as a critical issue ? not only with respect to air quality related values, but also human health ? we are taking a closure look at projects and proposals that individually or coupled with energy development could have a detrimental impact to air quality, particularly in Class I areas.

Organization: Wyoming Outdoor Council

Commenter: Lisa McGee **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 217 **Comment Id:** 127295 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Why not let private landowners create areas where people who prefer snowmobiles to their own mobility can have a good time.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 16 **Comment Id:** 129499 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Yellowstone's most important resource is its unique position as the first National Park, and therefore its ability to influence public opinion.

Organization: Winter Wildlands Alliance

Commenter: Eric L Burr **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1330 **Comment Id:** 129091 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Yellowstone Planning Team: As a member of the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) and as someone who has been employed by [or volunteered for or been a student of] the National Park Service, I believe I have a good understanding of the fundamental purpose of those areas comprising the National Park System including Yellowstone National Park. Since Yellowstone's establishment, followed by that of the National Park Service, both Congress and the federal courts have articulated an ever increasing protective priority for National Park System resources.

Organization: ANPR

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1330 **Comment Id:** 129102 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: As you undertake this new planning process I ask that you give high priority to producing a winter use plan that is environmentally sound and above all maximizes the preservation of park wildlife, air quality, water quality, soundscapes, and scenery. I further believe that in order for this plan to withstand the legal scrutiny of the Environmental Protection Agency and the federal courts it must adhere to NPS-specific statutory law and the 2006 NPS Management Policies. I am in agreement with the three foundations that Director Jarvis recently said the plan should be based on in his statement about the new planning process: 1. the best available sound science; 2. accurate fidelity to the law; and 3. the long-term public interest.

Organization: ANPR

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Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128315 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Dear Planning Team: I am writing on behalf of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) regarding your scoping notice for the Yellowstone Winter Use Plan and

Environmental Impact Statement. Thank you for this opportunity to participate. Please give the following comments and suggestions serious consideration as you develop a full range of alternatives for this EIS.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1516 **Comment Id:** 128316 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: GENERAL INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS We have commented in past planning processes that 'the definition of insanity is continuing to do the same thing while expecting different results.' Once again, our observation is that past efforts have gone around and around with few lasting or productive results, due largely to continuing to essentially do the same thing while expecting different results. That, unfortunately, is insanity. Now more than ever, it is clear that the National Park Service needs to step back, get out of the box, and assess past successes and failures to, hopefully, build a new Winter Use Plan that is acceptable to both managers and the public while being sustainable for the resources. And it has become obvious that any new plan needs to be 'judicially sustainable' while also hopefully providing a level of public use and winter access that America's citizens deserve. We understand that is a tall order. Our observation is that affordable winter access to Yellowstone by individuals has been lost over the last decade and that ? not the question of motorized access or not ? should become the driving issue for this planning process. Yellowstone's magnificent winter season should not be an experience for only the elite who can afford to pay ? but that is what it has become. We urge you to step back, revisit past decisions and policy changes, and figure out a way to reverse this trend so that all publics have an equal opportunity to visit and enjoy their special park in the winter.

Organization: Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Commenter: John W Vogel **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1514 **Comment Id:** 128395 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I believe that Yellowstone National Park during the winter offers potential for unique winter experiences that are distinctly different from other times of the year. However, due to the harsh winter environment, the winter use of the park must be managed in such a manner to minimize the potential for impact on the park ecosystem. I agree with the National Park Service's stated plan objectives for this EIS. As we have seen with the past three EISs these goals can not be achieved if the plan is not implemented due to litigation and rejection. Therefore, I believe that one of the most critical aspects of this plan is that it should be based on sound, replicable, and defensible scientific data. Alternatives based upon conjecture, extrapolation of data, or pure public desire can not achieve the stated goals as they are more likely to be challenged successfully in court and never implemented.

Organization:

Commenter: Arden Bailey **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 404 **Comment Id:** 128383 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: Plowing the road and allowing personal vehicle access is the smartest thing the park can do going into the future. Every year the road is questionable to open on time in December because of low snow and almost every year the road has trouble holding up in the spring. Today as I write this letter people going into Yellowstone on a snowmobile or non matt track snowcoaches are being shuttled 10 miles by rubber tracked vehicles to see Old Faithful because of lack of snow on the roads. The season is suppose to run for 10 more days and the lack of snow is affecting everyones trip into Yellowstone National Park. Plowing the road would eliminate all of these problems associated with the amount of snow in the park. It will be cheaper to plow the road for the park service than it currently is to have to groom the road every night. Plowing is already done in Yellowstone National Park on Highway 191 in the Northwest corner and from Mammoth to Cooke City with no problems. These savings of not having to maintain and repair expensive groomers and use snow removal equipment the Park Service already owns will the increase revenue for the Park Service will be able to help with the many projects that need to be done in park but don't have funding.

Organization: West Yellowstone Back & Neck Clinic

Commenter: Kyle Goltz **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 877 **Comment Id:** 127562 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to see a plan for non-commercial snowmobile guides (some sort of on-line certification) for 8-10 family members and close friends. I would also like to use my own snowmobiles as long as it meets sound and emission criteria. One last statement I feel it would be very unfair to close the any National Park to just one segment of American Taxpaying Citizens. If it is closed to snowmobiles and snowcoaches I feel that it should be closed to hikers, skiers, snowshoers, autos, and busses.

Organization:

Commenter: Matthew M Thomson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 423 **Comment Id:** 128591 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: I am an avid hiker and skier. I go into the wilderness to enjoy the peace and quiet and the natural beauty of wilderness as much as the physical challenges. Put one snowmobile within 10 miles and the experience is ruined.

Organization:

Commenter: Dave Erskine **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1561 **Comment Id:** 129322 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I am a permanent Montana resident and live 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park (YNP). My husband and I visit Yellowstone in all seasons. To adhere to the mission of the National Park Service to maintain the national parks "unimpaired for the future generations" is essential.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1561 **Comment Id:** 129323 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Currently, the park is operating under an interim winter use plan (through the winter of 2010-2011), while the NPS prepares this long-term winter plan. The temporary winter use plan allows for a maximum of 318 snowmobiles in Yellowstone each day. All visitor snowmobiles in Yellowstone must be led by commercial guides. All commercially guided snowmobiles are required to be "Best Available Technology," (BAT) which are the cleanest and quietest commercially available snowmobiles. Up to 78 snowcoaches are also permitted each day, and they must be commercially guided.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1561 **Comment Id:** 129325 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: However, to allow for expansion, I recommend that the number of daily snowmobiles be increased to 350 with a further increase to 400 during the three winter holiday seasons (the week of Christmas to New Year's, the 3-day Martin Luther King holiday, and the 3-day President's Day holiday). The holiday seasons are the times of greatest demand and the time when local businesses can reap the most economic benefit. I also recommend an increase to 100 snowcoaches a day with an increase to 130 during the holiday stated above.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1118 **Comment Id:** 127911 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: To give you some background on us we generally travel for a winter vacation for a week or more every year for the specific purpose to snowmobile. I have ridden sleds for approximately 37 years, and have seen way to many areas closed for no environmentally sound reasons, other than to pacify environmental zealots.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 523 **Comment Id:** 126483 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I think snowcoaches are more practical than snowmobiles.

Organization: yellowstone association

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 418 **Comment Id:** 128586 **Coder's Initials:** DARA_BRAITMAN

Comment Text: It is my understanding that you have sought public comment on this issue many times in the past and my position is the position of over 90% of the responders previously. Why are you doing this again? You are wasting time and money.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1551 **Comment Id:** 129083 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: It was my pleasure to be in attendance at the Public Scoping Meeting, held in Cheyenne on March 15, 2010. The ones presenting the forum and open discussion were thought provoking and informative.

Organization:

Commenter: J. Sloan Hales **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 145 **Comment Id:** 128319 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: I heard of the winter use plans recently and it really upset me to hear that there are thoughts of reducing the number of opportunities we might have of enjoying the park in the future.

Organization:

Commenter: Heath Finlinson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127721 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: - In order to ensure the most enjoyable and most valuable visitor experience, it is necessary to first determine which values and resources are the most fundamental to understanding and appreciating the uniqueness of YNP. For example, quiet and solitude are necessary conditions for observing and listening to undisturbed wildlife, the Firehole River, waterfalls, thermal features, etc. Activities that prevent quiet and solitude will ruin the most valuable experiences for most visitors and must be avoided.

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 898 **Comment Id:** 127722 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Limited numbers of visitors is another primary value. People visit in order to find nature not crowds of people. These limits can be easily created by means of a reasonable shuttle schedule into and out of the park and the number of overnight beds available in the Snow Lodge without using artificial caps. Providing "opportunities" is not the same as providing recreational activities. "Opportunities" should be means of achieving access in the least obtrusive way, such as bus rides on paved roads, snowshoes or skis on snow. More intrusive means of access are not appropriate to the values mentioned above. Also, the Park Service need not provide recreational opportunities at all.

Organization:

Commenter: Noreen Breeding **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127197 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: You may notice whom I have addressed this to. This is not for the untold millions of uninformed people who think that snowmobiles harm the environment, or that fill your inboxes with environment gibberish, or the people who think that snowmobiles are allowed to go anywhere they please inside Yellowstone National Park. No, I am respectfully asking the decision makers to look at facts so that sane snowmobile tourism can return to Yellowstone. I am in fact asking you to ignore the

uninformed masses and make decisions based on sanity and fact.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 812 **Comment Id:** 127205 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are ONLY allowed to operate on Groomed Trails that are in fact directly on top of hard surfaced roadways

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 604 **Comment Id:** 126738 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park must be protected first, foremost and always! Visitors will respect and appreciate parameters set to save a national treasure.

Organization:

Commenter: Pete Chaviano **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1243 **Comment Id:** 126500 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please think very long term. Please think hundreds of years down the road. Technology will continue to provide us with more park access options. Say no to this type of access now and set a forever precedent. Consider the notion of individuals with affordable personal flight drones one day, or all terrain Segways. Will the park have to create policy for every new type of park access?

Organization:

Commenter: Jay T Brahe **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1091 **Comment Id:** 127828 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: First thing I am a Canadian and I don't want to meddle in U S A affairs but this is what I see has been going on. I have been going to West Yellowstone for 25 years starting in 1985 to snowmobile. I have watched what has happened to the town of West Yellowstone due to the restriction

in the Yellowstone National Park. We go there to ride the back country in the Gallatin National forest mostly but we used to take a day off and ride the park circuit or we would ride up to Cooke city far a day or two. It appears to me a small but loud and well financed group has all but closed the park access in winter for motorized traffic.

Organization:

Commenter: Doug G Corrins **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 883 **Comment Id:** 127582 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: With such a plan in place the communities of West Yellowstone, Gardiner, Mammoth, and Cook City, would all benefit economically. It would give the tourist and traveling public more access to Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, during winter months. The Yellowstone Park experience for those people using these entrances would be improved and reduce environmental impact. With the use of snow plows and motor graders equipped with wing plows, the sides of the roads would be kept clear enough for wildlife usage. After one winter season, problems with wildlife egress would be easily identified and corrected.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1307 **Comment Id:** 128624 **Coder's Initials:** MEGAN_BLUE-SKY

Comment Text: Dear Yellowstone Planning Team, I don't believe that the special interest groups have the best interests of the park at heart. I ask that you give high priority to producing a winter use plan that is environmentally sound and above all maximizes the preservation of park wildlife, air quality, water quality, soundscapes, and scenery.

Organization: ANPR

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1300 **Comment Id:** 128254 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: In summary, I support a winter use plan that protects and conserves the wildlife, scenery, natural history, and wilderness character of national parks leaving them unimpaired for future generations.

Organization:

Commenter: Patti Steinmuller **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 1285 **Comment Id:** 128216 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to share my feelings on issue of allowing snowmobiles to tour the beautiful National Park of Yellowstone. This park is a very special place as we all know. The park is one of the most visited parks in the United States. The greatest amount of visitors to the park are during the spring and summer seasons. With that amount of visitors during those seasons would seem bring more harm to the park itself and far greater disruption to the wildlife.

Organization:

Commenter: Jill K **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 796 **Comment Id:** 127172 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Personally, i think the NPS has done a pretty good job of trying to be reasonable throughout this whole thing. I know there are a lot of unreasonable people trying to force you to do the wrong thing. barely 60,000 sleds go through there in the winter and how many million vehicles go through there in july alone, 1 point something?

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1225 **Comment Id:** 126512 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Please do not close our park to snowmobiles.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1071 **Comment Id:** 127783 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I would like to voice my opinion on the winter usage of Snowmobiles in Yellowstone Park. I feel the rules they have in the park right now are unfair already. You have to be a person of privledge to enjoy the park in the winter right now.

Organization: Snowest

Commenter: Wayne Poole **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 874 **Comment Id:** 127553 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: A long time ago, in a much happier environment I took my family to Jackson Hole spent 2-3 days shopping and enjoying our selves. Then we went to Flagg Ranch and left our snowmobile trailer and took 4 snowmobiles at our own pace through the park. Arriving at West Yellowstone we would get a motel, spend money and go to restaurants for 2 days and go back to Flagg ranch. A couple of years ago I made the BIG MISTAKE of going to West Yellowstone to see the park, stupid me!!! I couldn't take my machines to the park and west Yellowstone was a ghost town. Welcome the wonderful government, Environmentalist, and Sierra Club, all who should go to Cuba or Russia so they can be happy with their system. Why can't we let free enterprise thrive??? I fill so sorry for the West Yellow Stone Merchants, and City that have let the vermin take over. Robert Oyler Sandy Utah robertgo44@yahoo.comm

Organization: AYL

Commenter: Robert Oyler **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 547 **Comment Id:** 126815 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: The snowcoach experience to date has advanced protection of Yellowstone's air quality and quiet soundscape. Snowcoaches reduce the disruption to wildlife by moving more visitors with fewer machines. Snowcoaches provide safer access in extreme cold (below -25 degrees), and rubber-tracked models make access more reliable during periods of scant snowpack.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 368 **Comment Id:** 126649 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: I have just visited, within the last 10 days, both Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. My last prior trip was in August 2008, to view the results from the Yellowstone fire, 20 years later. I can attest that on both recent trips the parks were beautiful and I very much enjoyed being able to access them. On my recent trip I chose a one day walk/limited drive around the Grand Teton area and a three day snowmobile trip in Yellowstone. My further comments will be directed to the use of Yellowstone in the winter.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1152 **Comment Id:** 128042 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: The park service should be more pro use orientated. Remember, if people aren't going through the park then we really don't need park employee's either.

Organization:

Commenter: Terry L van der Hagen **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 359 **Comment Id:** 126627 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: If you want access, you can always ski in - never been a controversial issue.

Organization:

Commenter: Mark S Williams **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127688 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: During the first 94 years of the National Park Service, a number of management decisions have been made which are now recognized as wrong. I will just mention a few of these here, many of which affected the integrity of Yellowstone's ecosystems.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 891 **Comment Id:** 127689 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Bear Management: It wasn't until the late 1960s when bear feeding at garbage dumps and park campgrounds were eliminated. The installation of bear resistant trash cans and the closing of dumps within the parks resulted in more natural populations of both grizzly bears and black bears in Service units, while reducing unhealthy human/bear interactions. Predator Control: In an attempt to make the heroic mammals, such as elk, moose and big horn sheep available for visitor enjoyment, predators were controlled until the 1930s. By that time the wolf was almost eliminated from many parks areas. Fortunately, predator control programs no longer exist in units of the National Park Service, and, in the case of Yellowstone, the wolf has been reintroduced into the ecosystem. Fire Management and Forest Pest Control: While well meaning these two programs led to hazardous fire conditions. Fire and insects are generally considered essential to the natural environment, which the service is trying to maintain. Aquatic Management: Sport fishing has been traditionally permitted in units of the National Park Service, and with the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as

well as several State Game and Fisheries agencies, has been 'enhanced' through fish stocking programs. Not only were native fish stocked, but species exotic to the parks. Lakes which were naturally barren of fish were also stocked. This program corrupted the aquatic ecosystems of many of the Nation's parks, to a degree that may never be rehabilitated. This listing is just a few of the management programs which have been made in good faith by the Service. But, with the knowledge and awareness on the interrelationship of all resource of the natural environment, are now recognized to be mistakes.

Organization:

Commenter: Neil J Reid **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 953 **Comment Id:** 127577 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: I believe we are smart enough to come up with the best decision for everyone including wildlife/environment as out top priority.

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 941 **Comment Id:** 127857 **Coder's Initials:** DAVID_PLAKORUS

Comment Text: Snowmobiles are the preferred option of the public for enjoying the park in the winter. They are clean and quiet and impact the roads substantially less than coaches. It is obvious that wolves are the number one cause of stress to wildlife, specifically bison. I would think that scientist could prove that snowmobiles are responsible for maybe zero bison mortality, and do not lower reproductive rates.

Organization:

Commenter: Kept Private **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 311 **Comment Id:** 126421 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Allow OSV, but within reason. They should not have access to the whole park especially where they have potential to disturb wildlife

Organization:

Commenter: N/A N/A **Page:** **Paragraph:**

Kept Private: No

Correspondence Id: 102 **Comment Id:** 126493 **Coder's Initials:** LIA_PECKMAN

Comment Text: Teddy Roosevelt started the movement to preserve and protect our wildlife and resources for future use.

Organization: Trout Unlimited

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Kept Private: Yes

Correspondence Id: 1393 **Comment Id:** 127101 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: Your purpose and need statement says it all. It's a conflict. Uncontrolled winter access jeopardizes air quality and habitat at a very difficult time for species. The only way to keep Yellowstone values intact is to eliminate the conflict by restricting access to snowcoaches only. I do concede that the guided snowmobile trips on best available technology machines has made a huge difference that I have personally witnessed on snowcoach trips. However, I would argue that snowmobile access is not a right in this park. Just as Zion and other parks have gone strictly to tour busses in summer, Yellowstone's winters are certainly fragile enough to merit the same protection.

Organization:

Commenter: Brandy M Wilson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 1393 **Comment Id:** 127103 **Coder's Initials:** LORI_GUTMAN

Comment Text: The West is completely overrun with opportunities to gas up and go where ever you want. Snowmobiles can go anywhere in the National Forests, and the only places where uses have been successfully separated are where cross-country ski and snowmobile user groups have mutually and voluntarily agreed to boundaries. Consequently, there are not very many places where it's possible to view wildlife in winter, undisturbed and unharassed by snow machines.

Organization:

Commenter: Brandy M Wilson **Page:** **Paragraph:**

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Correspondence Id: 130 **Comment Id:** 129525 **Coder's Initials:** KIERSTEN_LIPPMANN

Comment Text: Don't get me wrong; I realize the extreme importance and value of national parks, wildlife, clean air, etc. In addition to being a 4th generation Montanan, I consider myself a strong "environmentalist" (thus my long term financial support of numerous "environmental" organizations such as the GYC, MEIC, GVL, etc.). Use policies, however, need to be practical and not catered to

politicians (who may have never visited Yellowstone especially in the winter on a snowmobile) or organizations (I have contacted the GYC regarding this topic as well).

Organization:

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